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Photo by Sandy Bressner

Participants of the Fifth Annual Family Fun Run/Walk take off at the start of the event on an unseasonably cold and blustery day in Lindenhurst. The event was sponsored by the Lake Villa District Library, Friends of the Lake Villa District Library, the Lindenhurst Park District, Vista Surgery and Treatment Center, the Village of Lindenhurst, Linden Plaza Merchants Council, Kiwanis Club of Lindenhurst-Lakes Area and the Lake Villa Parks and Recreation Committee.

District 117 doesn't close door on policy change

By Ginny Skweres
Staff Reporter

The long-awaited vote regarding home-schooled students was anti-climatic. No vote was taken at last week's Board of Education on the issue of allowing home-schooled students to participate in extra-curricular activities at Antioch High School.

Superintendent Jay Sabatino, Board President Phillip Delaney and board member Wayne Sobczek have taken a rather strong stand against it. A committee of faculty members, including Steve Schoenfelder, had studied the issues, talked with other area schools and made a list of the pros and cons of the issue.

The issue came up when Don and Kim Miller of Antioch asked the board to amend a policy that does not allow participation by anyone other than fully enrolled district stu-

dents. Their daughter Kia has been homeschooled in order to allow her to participate in equestrian activities that conflict with a traditional school day. She attends and is graded by an online school. Kia also has a passion for soccer which can no longer be met outside of school at her age.

The committee, as instructed by the board, studied the issue of having to award a diploma to a student who participates because the Illinois High School Association requires the student be earning credit toward a high school diploma, which they interpret as an Antioch diploma.

"I wouldn't need the diploma. I'll get one from my school," Kia said.

"I appreciate all the information from the Millers and the committee. I don't think we want to exclude

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Change is in the air

Village administrator turns down alternate job in Antioch

By Ginny Skweres
Staff Reporter

The first change that Mayor-elect Dorothy Larson plans on making is to change the village administrator and the clerk. She would rather rely on Mike Haley, who had been the village administrator before Alan Probst. Candi Rowe, who had been Antioch's village clerk for about 12 years, has accepted the job as village clerk.

Amy Monroe, current village clerk, has accepted the position of administrative assistant to the village engineer.

Larson also asked Probst to stay on board in a different capacity.

"It would have been a high level job, but I couldn't define it exactly because we may be doing some restructuring, which will need board approval. It wouldn't have been as an assistant," Larson said.

"I like Alan and we get along fine. I would just like to work with someone I know better," Larson said. "I talked to him last week and at that time he was considering a job offer in Washington D.C."

"He wanted an administrative job and that's what he's educated for. He had that opportunity in D.C.," Larson said. "It was not a hasty decision. He interviewed for this job a few weeks ago. He was a valuable and effective employee," she said.

"The new administration can

pick its own staff if they want. That's democracy and I spent 18 years protecting democracy," Probst said. "Dorothy couldn't give me a definite title or salary and it would be career suicide to go too far down the food chain, with eight years of experience in village administration. We agreed on three months of severance pay and insurance."

Larson was concerned that with Probst leaving the job a week before she takes office, village documents could be at risk. That is why she wanted to appoint an interim village administrator.

However, since that time, Probst told Larson that he had given all sen-

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ACHS names new principal

By Ginny Skweres
Staff Reporter

As of the beginning of July, Michael Nekritz will be the new principal at Antioch Community High School. He is currently the head of the history department at Downers Grove South High School, and a consultant for large corporations. He has been the dean of students and a social studies teacher at Niles North High School and was the head boys basketball coach for the Skokie community.

Nekritz has a bachelor's degree history and political science and a master's degree in education from Northwestern University, and a degree from the Kellogg School of Management. He is an extensive reader and enjoys cycling, weight-lifting and coaching soccer.

Nekritz said he is looking forward to

his position as principal.

"I'm from the north suburbs and I've watched Antioch grow," Nekritz said. "It's a very supportive community that wants to continue to improve on education, and I want to be part of it."

He has no plans to make any immediate changes at the high school.

"I'd be foolish to come in with an agenda. I'm one who wants to know the surroundings better before I make any changes. There's a lot of good things going on already," he said.

Nekritz plans on moving to the area in the future, along with his wife and two daughters, one who is 4 1/2 years old and the other is five weeks old. He said his daughters help him keep things in perspective.

He wants to become a leader in the school and the community.

"To do that, you need to be here more than just during the school day."

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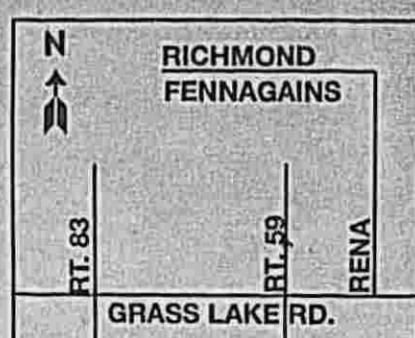
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Nana's Pizza Kitchen created from a lemon of a situation

By Ginny Skweres

Staff Reporter

After working in the pizza business for 23 years, Lena Faulkner found herself without a job about eight months ago when the owner of Antioch Pizza sold his business and she received no severance pay.

The future looked bleak and she was disappointed. However, sometimes things have a way of working out for the best, in ways one couldn't imagine.

Shortly before her unemployment payments ran out, Faulkner found herself in the position to buy a business of her own. One of her old customers had called her at home and

told her about a pizza business that was available.

"It's like it was just meant to be," Faulkner said.

Nana's Pizza Kitchen, on Route 173 west of Route 59, opened six weeks ago and business keeps getting better every day, Faulkner said. The restaurant is open from 5 to 10 p.m. on weekdays, and from 2 to 10 p.m. on weekends. When summer arrives, Faulkner plans to open at 11 a.m. for those who want lunch.

Nana's offers delivery and will go to the boat docks. She also will cater for special events. If you need 48 pizzas, give Faulkner some advance notice and she'll deliver.

In addition to thin crust, stuffed

and double-decker pizzas, Nana's also serves a number of sandwiches, with Italian beef being the big favorite. There's also a four-piece chicken dinner, and Faulkner plans to add a grill so she can offer hamburgers in the future.

"A lot of people supported me in this," she said.

Her husband Lou and their children often lend a helping hand when needed.

"Last Saturday, I had people lined up at the counter, and feedback is excellent," Faulkner said.

Nana's does not serve alcohol, and the restaurant is all non-smoking.

"I want people to be confident the food will be good, at a good price

and with good service," she said.

People can bring their children to Nana's knowing it's a family environment.

The name was established by Faulkner's grandson, who of course, calls her Nana. And in return, she offers a Ryan pizza, which has cheese, sausage, mushrooms, onions and green peppers.

"I'm happy, and there are enough people in Antioch for everyone's business," Faulkner said. Her business is not affiliated with Nana's Pizza in Mundelein. To order from Nana's Pizza Kitchen, call 847-395-0070.

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OUR TOWN

Ginny Skweres

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It features eight well-known Antioch men, including our winner, AUGS principal, Eric Skoog, modeling pageant attire. To order one, please send a check for \$20 made payable to AJWC to P.O. Box 9, Antioch, IL 60002. The club must have 50 orders or your money will be refunded.

Congratulations to Michael Addison and Jennifer Buhrmester, both of Antioch, who have each been awarded a one-year scholarship to the University of Illinois for Michael and a different state-supported school for Jennifer. They were presented by the 2005-2006 General Assembly for the 61st Legislative District. The scholarship covers tuition.

Baskin Robbins/Dunkin Donuts of Antioch are having their fourth annual golf outing to raise money for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. There are only 120 golf slots for a four-person scramble on June 3, at the Antioch Golf Club, 40150 North Route 59 in Antioch. The price is \$85 per person or \$300 for a foursome. This includes golf, cart, lunch and dinner. For dinner only, the cost is \$30. For more information call Larry at 847-395-9530 at the store or 847-838-6125 at the office.

Money that is raised will be presented at the Ride for Kids event on July 17, a motorcycle run. The goal is to raise \$10,000.

The Lake Villa Historical Society will have an antique appraisal event from noon to 3 p.m. on May 1 at the Lehmann Mansion in Lake Villa. The event is limited to 60 people who may bring one item to be appraised. The cost is \$25, which includes lunch. More information is available by calling Sue Cribb at 847-265-8685.

Congratulations to Lori A. Sorensen of Antioch who was inducted into the national honor society, Alpha Sigma Alpha, at Roosevelt University, Schaumburg. She completed 24 semester hours in regular classes and 12 semester hours in liberal arts and sciences with a grade point average of at least 3.2 and is in the top 10 percent of students. Keep up the good work!

If you have interesting information or anecdotes to submit for "Our Town" call staff reporter Ginny Skweres at 847-223-8161, ext. 154 or e-mail, ginnys@lakelandmedia.com

ANGLING FOR SUCCESS

(Right) Professional fisherman Jim Muzynoski of Bozeman, Mont. shows off his take after the first day of the In-Fisherman Professional Walleye Trail tournament on the Chain 'O Lakes. The tournament was headquartered at Hailings Marina in Antioch. (Bottom) Amateur Brad Lindwall of Lake Villa searches for walleye under the Route 173 bridge on the Chain 'O Lakes with professional fisherman Bill Ortiz of Richland Center, Wis., during the In-Fisherman Professional Walleye Trail tournament

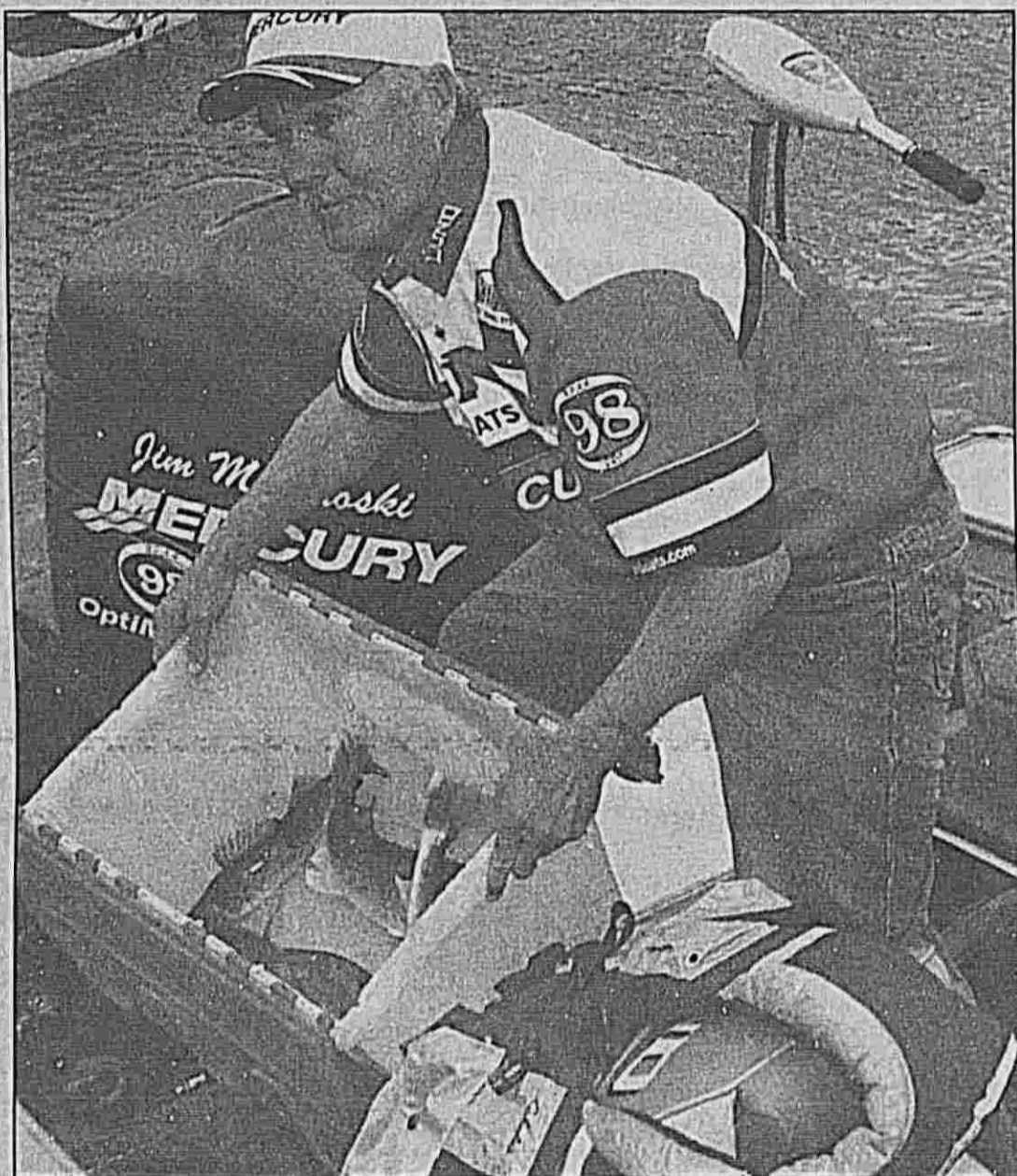
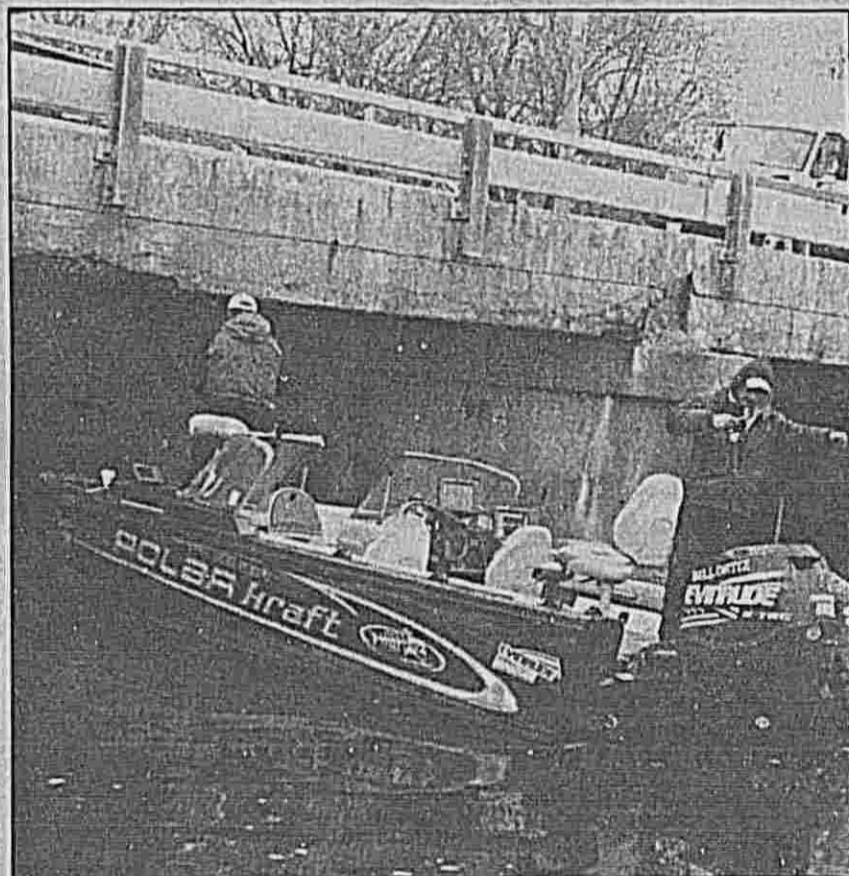


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Brownie troop 2608 busy as bees

Brownies out of Hillcrest School, with girls from Antioch, Lake Villa and Lindenhurst have a very busy agenda this spring.

Brownies from Troop 2608, first-graders, will have a training session at Antioch Scout House from 2 to 6 p.m. on Saturday. The girls will learn everything from being prepared, to

respecting the environment, safety to cooking, fun & games will be covered. This is an all day long, interactive training.

It also coincides with Earth Day cleanup at the Sawmill right next door. Many of the Girl Scouts will also help with these efforts to help improve the community.

Troop 2608 will have a Mom-me Mothers Day Tea & Garden walk. The girls will be treating their moms to a special Mothers Day Tea at the

Chicago Botanical Gardens on Sunday.

The girls will be serving their moms on this day to show them how special they really are. After the formal tea the girls will present mothers with a special homemade gift and poem.

Following that the Brownies and moms will journey through the Botanic Gardens for a leisurely scavenger hunt/stroll, plant rubbings.

Troops 2608, 2609 and 2611, all

first-graders, will celebrate making new friends at Centennial Park, Antioch, between 4 and 7 p.m. on May 25.

Each Brownie has a secret friend, sister Girl Scout, who they have been pen pals with throughout the school year. The girls will all get together for a fun ice cream social and badge ceremony and meet their new "sister Girl Scout" for the first time. They learn about community and working together.

Two area men busted on drug charges

By Ginny Skweres

Staff Reporter

The Lake County Metropolitan Enforcement Group (MEG) seized two pounds of cannabis and one pound of cocaine following a tip given to them by the Lindenhurst Police Department.

Christopher J. Knauf, 29, of 2002 Burr Oak Lane, Lindenhurst, was charged with unlawful possession with intent to deliver cocaine, a Class X felony, possession of cocaine, unlawful possession with intent to deliver cannabis and unlawful possession of cannabis

and drug paraphernalia. A person guilty of a Class X felony can be sentenced to between six and 30 years in prison.

Justin G. Cairns, 26, of 37370 N. Cremona, Lake Villa, was charged with possession with intent to deliver cannabis, and possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. He was charged with class three and four felonies.

After a month-long investigation, MEG agents, along with police officers from the Lake Villa and Lindenhurst police departments, obtained search warrants for both residences last week, according to LCMPEG Director, Mark C.

Rasmussen, a Master Sergeant with the Illinois State Police Department.

"This is a significant amount of drugs for anywhere in Lake County," Sgt. Rasmussen said. Cocaine and cannabis valued at about \$19,000 were seized at Knauf's residence and another \$3,600 of cannabis from Cairns' home.

Both men were taken to bond court at the Lake County jail.

Knauf was released after posting \$50,000, or 10 percent of his bond, on April 25. Cairns was released from jail after he posted \$500 bail.

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Local scout gives school a 'Field of Dreams'

Eagle Scout hopeful nearing competition of project

By Matt Pera

Staff Reporter

Most members of the Boy Scouts do not think about achieving Eagle Scout rank until they are well into high school. But it is safe to say that Ryan Ornstein, 14, of Round Lake Beach, will not have to wait that long.

The Palombi Middle School eighth-grader is near completing his Eagle Scout service project, which has been quite an ambitious undertaking.

Ornstein has recruited about 30 volunteers to help him build a new playground, called Field of Dreams, at the Early Education Center (EEC) at 882 Nippersink Road in Round Lake.

Ryan's mother, Clarese Ornstein, is a kindergarten teacher at EEC and said her son's work at the school has been a great help.

"My husband (Steve) and I are very proud of him," she said. "This scout project will have long-lasting benefits. All service projects are good and this one will definitely make its mark and at EEC."

Ornstein and his volunteers will work on the new playground Saturday April 30, then again on May 7. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop 73 in Grayslake and said some of his fellow scouts had agreed to help in the endeavor.

EEC staff, area churches and community leaders will also donate their time to help install equipment at Field of Dreams.

"The kids will love it," Clarese said of the new playground.

Since beginning the project, Clarese said Ornstein has purchased nearly \$20,000 in materials with all of that money the result of donations from Round Lake Mayor Bill Gentes and the Village of Round Lake and grants from

District 116 and the District Foundation for Learning.

Donations have also come from Shepherd of the Lakes Church members, the Round Lake Area Park District Staff, Ornstein's Boy Scout troop and the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans organization.

Ornstein said he would be installing equipment for a play area on April 30, complete with musical instruments and a ball wall, which is a concrete wall with a sheet of acrylic glass in the middle that kids can bounce balls off of to play games.

There is also a "trike town," through which students can ride tricycles, that Ornstein began working on in August. He will finish it up this spring by installing a bridge and play-store.

On May 7 he and the volunteers will work on a nature area, where they will put in plants, benches and steppingstones.

"It was a lot of work," Ornstein said of the endeavor.

Ornstein added that he received help from the Texas-based Grounds for Play company, which designs playgrounds throughout the country.

Sara Kreis, who is the Illinois playground consultant for the company, helped Ornstein with the plans and also donated several pieces of equipment for the trike town.

When Ornstein completes the Field of Dreams service project, he will need only two more merit badges to become an Eagle Scout.

He said when the playground is finished all the hard work would be worthwhile.

"It makes me feel real proud and honored and it helps me get Eagle Scout rank, which is the highest honor you can get in Boy Scouts."

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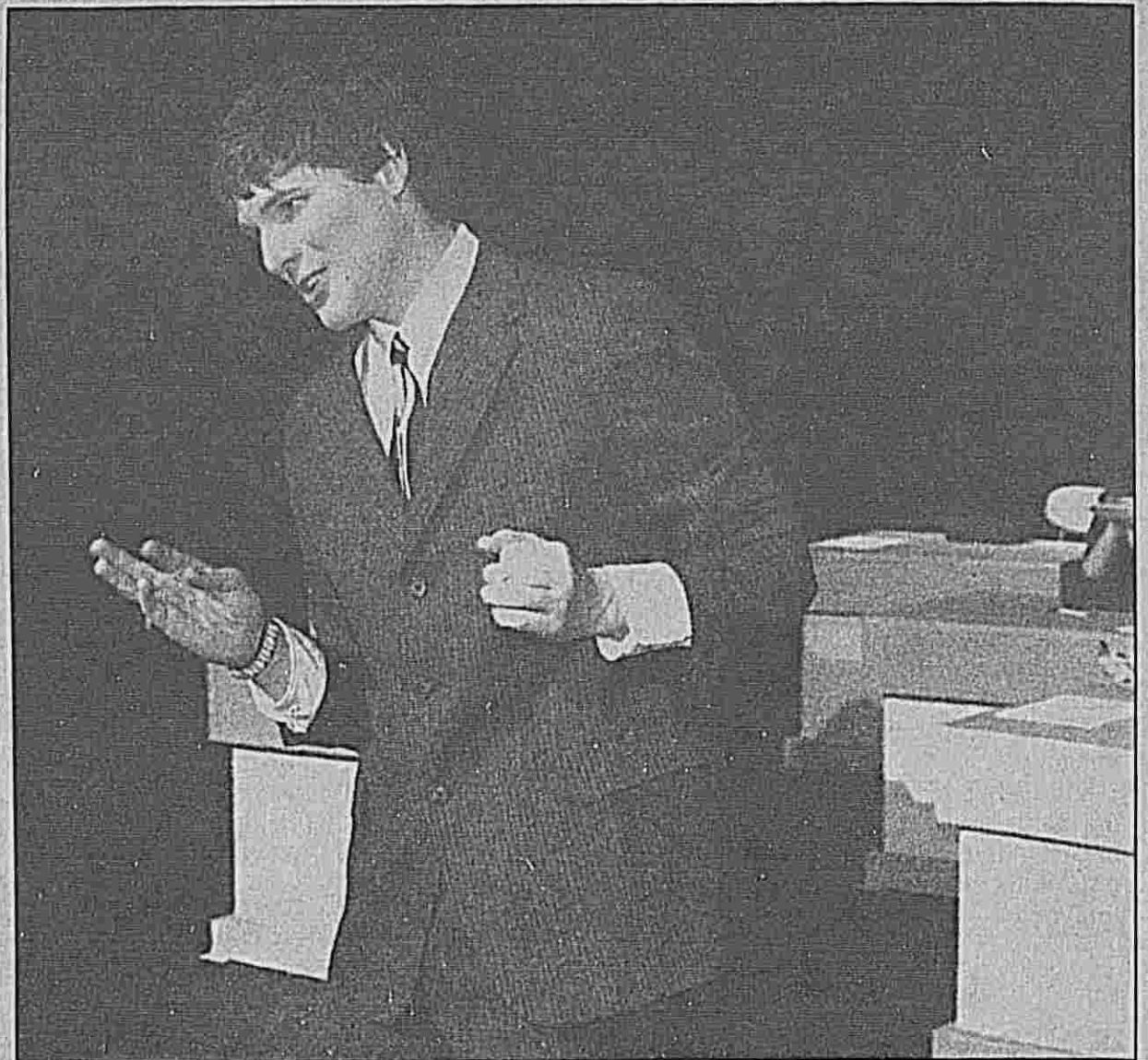


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Antioch senior, David Whitacre, playing the part of Mr. Bratt, starts off the scene, "A Secretary Is Not a Toy," in the Antioch High School production of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying."

Spring musical at Antioch High School

The Antioch Community High School is very excited about its next spring musical. Last year was the first musical in more than a decade and the students did a fantastic job.

More than 45 students are participating in the production as crew, cast and orchestra. There are some great dance numbers, fun songs and quirky characters.

It is a clever and amusing musical about

working in a large corporation. It's a tale of dreamers, schemers, the glib and the lovable. From the mailroom through the secretaries and the Big Boss, a young window washer works his way up the corporate ladder with the instructions from a ludicrous manual, "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying".

Performances are this weekend, April 28-30 at 7pm. Ticket are \$3 at door.

Get the lead out - free electronics recycling

There is a free one-day collection of unwanted household electronics for Lake County residents on April 30 at the College of Lake County, Grayslake Campus from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Throwing out old electronics including televisions, computers, and even cell phones could put you at risk. That is why the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) is sponsoring a wide variety of items will be accepted at this event, including:

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Items that will not be accepted include dehumidifiers, air conditioners, or large appliances (e.g. stoves, refrigerators, freezers). Household chemical wastes will not be accepted at this event.

This event is for residents only. Businesses or other institutions, such as schools, that need assistance with electronics recycling should contact SWALCO for a referral. The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County can be reached at 847-336-9340, or on the web at www.swalco.org, for more information.

Good news for book lovers

The Friends of the Community Library have announced the dates for their spring book sale. It will on Saturday, May 14, from noon to 4 p.m. and on Sunday, May 15, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Twin Lakes, 110 S. Lake Ave., location.

On Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to noon, the sale will be open to members of Friend of the Library only, who must bring their newsletter-mailing label for admission. Memberships will be available at the door.

On Sunday, our traditional Bag of Books

sale will be held. Donations can be dropped off at any Community Library location. Please remember that we don't take magazines, Reader's Digest condensed books, text books or encyclopedias.

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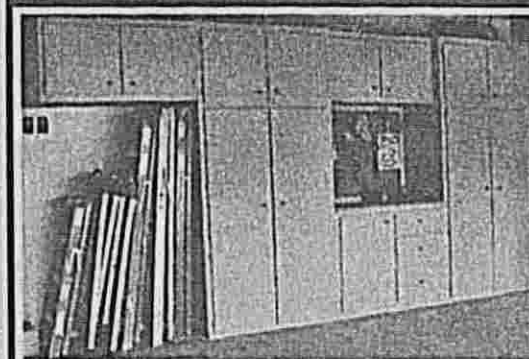
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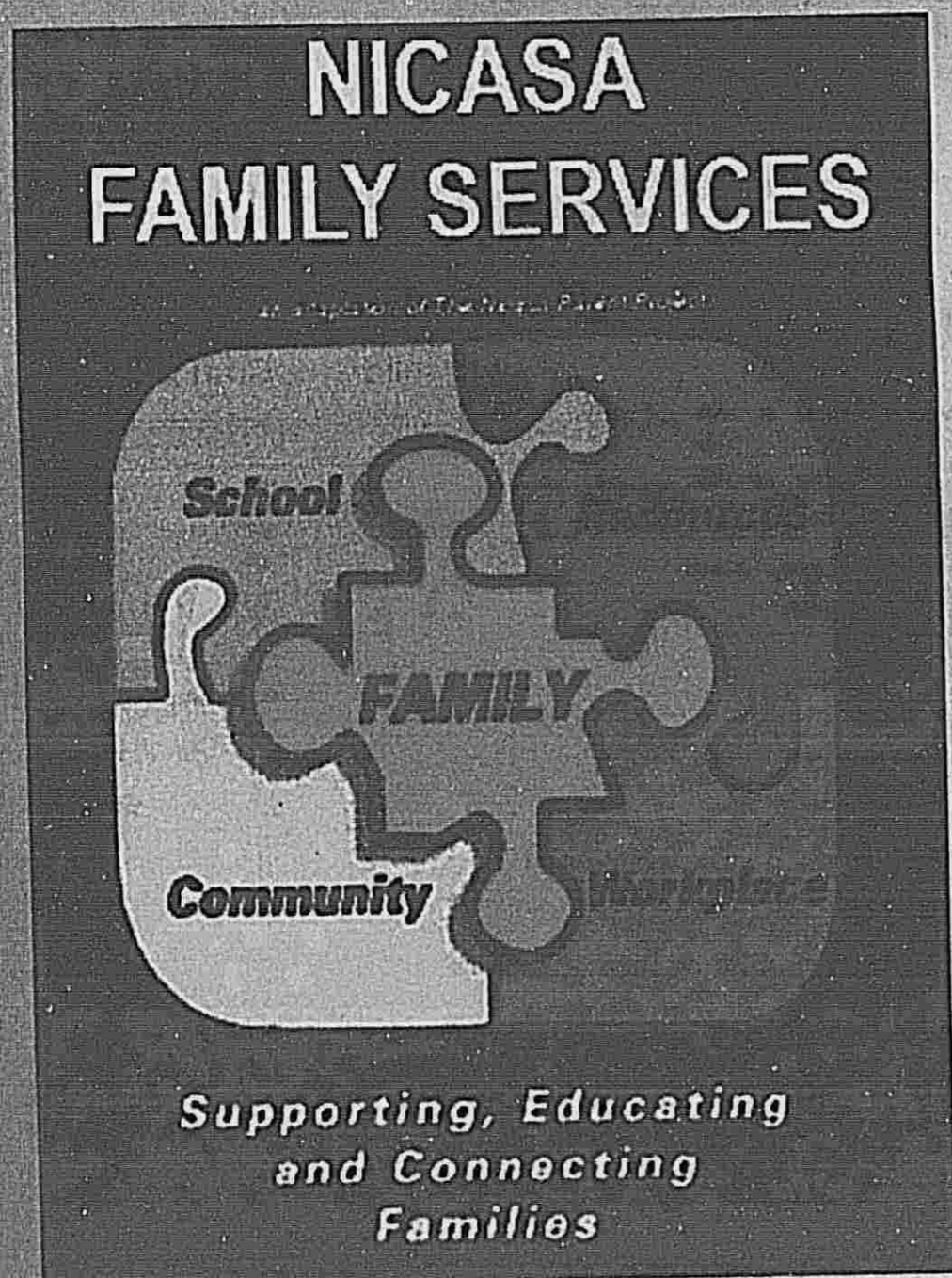
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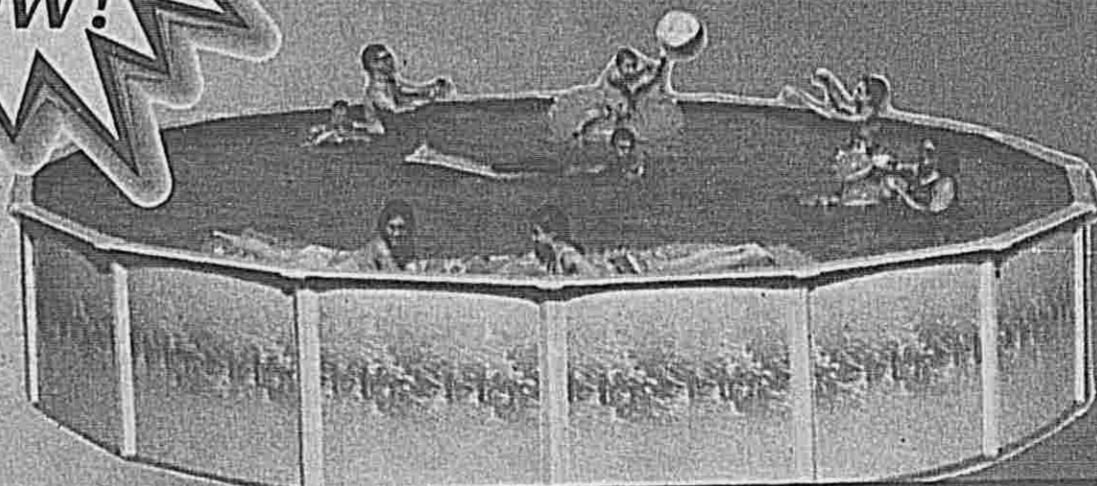
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Occupation:
First grade teacher

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Hobbies:
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anyone who meets the criteria. We're here to protect the 2,000 plus students we have here."

Board member Dave Dziki asked the committee if any of the schools they had talked to had said they had problems.

"No one said there were any problems with it," Dziki said. "The ones who do accept home schooled students don't have any negative feedback." Dziki pointed out that the negatives the committee supplied were all suppositions and not supported by fact.

Board members were also concerned about how these students would affect class rank, the No Child Left Behind act and similar academic questions.

"The world is more complex - it is not either/or. I feel if we accommodate these kids, it's better for society," he said.

Board member Joyce Heneberry said this is not a matter of trust but in being rightfully cautious when they change policy.

When Dr. Sabatino prompted Vicki Axton for her opinion, she said she had wanted a compromise where the student would take four classes in Dist. 117 and the balance elsewhere.

"But I don't think anybody's going to be happy with that on either side," she said.

Board member Aileen Biel said she understood the choice on home-schooling a child. "I feel if you make that choice, you give up some things," Biel said.

Kim Miller did not come to the meeting unprepared. She cited statistics that indicated home schooled children scored in the 80th percentile rather than than national average of 50th percentile. Their SAT and ACT scores are also higher than the national average.

Miller also reference Phil Britton, assistant principal of Wheaton/Warrenville South High School. He indicated they allowed home schooled children to participate in extra-curricular activities without attending any classes within their district.

Miller also pointed out that as of next year Antioch and Lakes would be splitting their sports teams and could very well need more players to stay competitive.

Board member Kathleen Van Dien said she had a problem changing policy because it open up the doors for others and its not protects District 117 students. However she did suggest that someone should talk to Miller's source and hear his experiences.

President Delaney said he would make the call and suggested that a vote should not be taken.

"I'll give feedback, but for now, policy will stand as written," Delaney said.

After that portion of the meeting, Kim Miller said, "I know I can't give up even though I don't see it going our way," she said. "I don't think they asked the right questions."

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CALENDAR

Friday, April 29

7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting for families and friends of alcoholics held fifth Fridays in Libertyville. Call (e-mail) Jack at 847-845-6829 (yessid1@comcast.net) or Janet at 847-921-4227 (jnelson@colemartin.net for details).

Saturday, April 30

9 a.m., Prayers for Revival in Lake County at Linden Villa Baptist Church, 38869 N. Deep Lake Rd., Lake Villa. Saturdays through May 14. All invited. If you need to contact us, please call 847-245-7471.

Ends today, "Three Dimensional Works" by Antioch Fine Arts Foundation, 983 Main St. Art show ends Apr. 30. Please call the foundation at 847-838-2274 to learn more.

Sunday, May 1

7-9 p.m., Open gym Sundays at Antioch Community High School. \$2. Adults only.

4 p.m., The Writers' Group, a free, non-profit "just for fun" group, meets first Sundays in Libertyville. Leave message at 847-362-7152.

Monday, May 2

7 p.m., Sub-committee meetings of Antioch Village Board held first Mondays. Committee meetings of the whole at 8 p.m. Village Hall, 874 Main St.

12:45 p.m., Bingo held Mondays at the Senior Center. Call 847-395-7120 for details.

7-9 p.m., Lakes Area Community Band rehearses at ACHS. Call Debbie Davis at 847-395-0272.

1 p.m., Prairie Pioneers #1081, an organization for the study of antiques and the preservation of heritage, meets first Mondays in a private home. Call 847-223-4001 to learn more.

Tuesday, May 3

Noon, Kiwanis Club of Antioch meets Tuesdays at Bacchus Restaurant (formerly TNT's). Kiwanis is about "Serving the Children in Our Community." The public is welcome to join and share experience, knowledge and service project ideas. Please call Melissa at 847-489-8044 or e-mail her at mjrigoni@hotmail.com for more information.

7 p.m., Antioch Network of Friends, a multiple sclerosis support group, meets first Tuesdays at the Community Building, 884 Main St., back entrance. Please call Louise at 847-395-1317 or Rachel at 847-973-1808 for details.

6:45 p.m., Bingo Tuesdays at Antioch VFW. Doors open 4:30 p.m. Call 847-395-5393 for information.

2:30-4 p.m., "A Healing Circle," a grief support group for loss of a loved one, pet, job or other dramatic life change. Meets first and third Tuesdays at Grayslake Senior Center, 50 Library Ln. Please call Susan Fox-Larkin at 847-573-4095 before attending.

7-8:30 p.m., Women's Binge Eating Disorder support group meets Tuesdays in a private home. Call 847-223-9784 for details.

7:30 p.m., Lake Co. Coin Club meets first Tuesdays at Jester's Lounge in Waukegan. Please call Les at 847-662-1955 for details.

Wednesday, May 4

7 p.m., Northern Lake County Quilter's Guild meets first Wednesdays at Millburn Church, Rt. 45 & Grass Lake Rd. Call Madelyn at 847-587-4599.

6:30 p.m., Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets Wednesdays, weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting at the Senior Center, 817 Holbeck Dr. Call Dorothy Stark at 847-395-7407 or Betty Muller at 847-838-3907.

Thursday, May 5

8-9 a.m., Network Lake County, a business networking group, meets Thursdays at Café Oceana, Gurnee. Please call Boyce Buckner at 847-838-0058.

7 p.m., "Running in Stitches," an American Sewing Guild group, meets first Thursdays. Call Janet at 265-7932 or Chris at 847-548-8223 for details.

9:30-11:30 a.m., Lake Co. Council for Seniors meets in Grayslake. All welcome. Please call 847-367-0087.

Friday, May 6

6:30 p.m. Lake Co. Camera Club meets first Fridays in Gurnee. All skill levels, digital and film, are welcome. Call Mike Ament at 847-356-6937 (noon-6).

Saturday, May 7

Women's Handgun Firearm Training Clinic and Women In The Outdoors workshop, sponsored by Lake Co. Longbeards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. Bass Pro Shop, Gurnee Mills. Call Marina Mirillees at 847-740-2821 or go to LakeCntyLngbeard@aol.com for details.

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First Church of Christ, Scientist & Reading Rm. Rte 173 and Harden, Antioch, Phone (847) 395-1196. Sunday School, Sunday Church Service 10:30am, Wednesday, 7:30pm.

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, worshipping at Antioch/Lake Villa Township Center, 1625 Deep Lake Rd. Pastor Darold Gruen, Phone (847) 265-2450. Sunday Worship at 9am, Sunday School, High School & Adult Bible Classes 10:45am.

Heritage Lutheran Church, Lindenhurst Civic Center, 1949 Old Elm Rd., Lindenhurst. (847) 356-1766. Sunday service 10:00 am, Sunday School & Bible Class 9:00 am. (summer schedule - 9:00 am Sunday) Rev. Mark W. Anderson, Pastor.

St. Ignatius Episcopal, 500 Depot St. Antioch Phone (847) 395-0652. Low Mass 7:30am., High Mass 9:30am Sunday School & Nursery 9:30am. Rev. Vincent Eckholm, Pastor.

Crossview Church (formerly Antioch Evangelical Free Church) 750 Highview Drive, Antioch, IL 847-395-4117 Sunday Worship Services 9:00am and 10:30am Sunday School for all ages (nursery provided) Call for more information.

St. Stephen Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1155 Hillside Ave. Phone (847) 395-3359. Sunday Worship, 8:00, 9:30, 10:45am. Rev. Roger Black, Pastor. Saturday Worship Service 5:00pm

Christian Life Fellowship Assemblies of God Church, 41625 Deep Lake Rd., Antioch. Phone (847) 395-8572. Sunday School (all ages) 9am., Sunday Morning Worship 10am., Children's Church 10am., Sunday Evening Worship 6:30pm., Wednesday Worship & Children's Program 7am., Tues. Women's Fellowship & Bible Study 9-11:30am. Jeff Brussaly, Pastor.

Antioch Baptist Church, 817 Holbeck Dr., Antioch. Phone (847) 769-5332. Sunday Morning Worship 10:15am., Sunday evening Service 6:00pm., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00pm. Pastor Ken Foster.

Faith Evangelical Lutheran, 1275 Main St., Phone (847) 395-1660. Sunday Worship 8 & 10:30am., Sunday School 9:25am., Mon. Worship 7:00pm Pastors Gregory Hermanson & Aaron Christie. Christian Day School (847) 395-1664.

Millburn Congregational United Church of Christ, 19073 W. Grass Lake Rd. at Rte. 45. Phone (847) 356-5237. Sunday Services 8:30am. Eucharist at 10am. Family Worship with Church School and Nursery Care. Rev. Jed Watson, Pastor.

Antioch United Methodist Church, 848 Main St., Antioch, Phone (847) 395-1259. Rev. Gary Curt, Pastor. Sunday Worship 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Children's church and Sunday School. Adult Groups at 9:15 a.m. Nursery care for children through 3 years of age from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

St. Peter's Church, 557 W. Lake St., Antioch. Phone (847) 395-0274. Masses weekdays, 7:30am; Sunday 6:30, 8, 9:30, 11:30am & Saturday 5:30pm. Rev. Father Ronald H. Anglim, Pastor.

Chain of Lakes Community Bible Church, 43 W. Grass Lake Rd., Phone (847) 838-0103. Sunday Worship 9:30 and 11:00. Sunday School. Rev. Kerry Bauman, Senior Pastor

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod), 25100 W. Grand Ave. (Rte. 59 & 132), Lake Villa. (847) 356-5158. Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:45am; Sunday School (3 and up) and Bible Study 9:30am. Rev. John Zellmer, Pastor.

Lighthouse Church of Antioch, 554 Parkway Ave., Antioch, IL (847) 838-0616. Saturday Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Adventure Club for Kids, Adult Bible Study Saturday Evening 6:00 p.m. Monday Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Thursday Evening PTSD Support Group 7:00 p.m. Senior Pastor Tom Bartmer.

NorthBridge Church, A Contemporary Worship Experience. Meeting at Antioch Community High School, 1133 Main St., Antioch, (847) 838-9370, www.northbridgechurch.org. Service Sunday - 10:30am, Children's Classes (K-5) - 10:30 am. Mark Albrecht, Senior Pastor.

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Police had responded to the complaint after a driver reported that a van was following at a close range and attempted to pass on the right shoulder. The van swerved at Grass Lake Road and Route 59, and almost hit a fire truck answering an emergency call.

Leonard T. Maes, 40, of 8358 S. Kenneth, Chicago, was stopped as he traveled westbound on Route 173 near Tiffany after police observed his car swerve and crossed the double lines. He performed poorly on a field sobriety test and arrested. He was ticketed for improper lane usage, DUI and DUI greater than .08 (.220). He was released on a cash bond and is due in court on May 17.



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Occupation:
First grade teacher

I graduated from:
Round Lake High School and
Northern Illinois University

**What I like most about
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*The school where I teach and the
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Hobbies:
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BIRTHS

Kaitlin Ann Lenox, a daughter, was born April 7 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Shawn and Stacy Lenox of Antioch. Grandparents are Gary Kampmeier of Davis; Barbara Gorton of Roscoe; Suzane Frantz of Davis Junction; and Richard Frantz of Poplar Grove.

Bryan James Filas, a son, was born April 9 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Leon Filas and Heather Andrews-Filas of Lake Villa. Grandparents are Bonnie and Clayton Van Sickle of Crystal Lake; Bryan and Rex Andrews of Wellington, Fla.; Leon G. Filas of Yorkville and James and Kathleen Foley of Chicago. Great grandparents are Jean Dolven of Crystal Lake and Ruby Andrews of Elgin.

Apurva V. Ayalur, a daughter, was born April 8 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Ayalur Venkateswaran and Krithika Srinivasan of Lindenhurst. Her brother is Abhinay, age 4. Grandparents are Sundaram Ayalur and Radha Sundaram of India and Srinivasan Thyalarajan and Buma Srinivasan of India.

Connor Steven Craig, a son, was born April 8 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, to Rick and Joleen Craig of Lake Villa. His siblings are Tarrant 8, Derrick 20 months and Kristen 9. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Richard Craig of State College, Penn. Great grandparent is Ora Mae White of Oklahoma City, Okla.



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POLICY

anyone who meets the criteria. We're here to protect the 2,000 plus students we have here."

Board member Dave Dziki asked the committee if any of the schools they had talked to had sad they had problems.

"No one said there were any problems with it," Dziki said. "The ones who do accept home schooled students don't have any negative feedback." Dziki pointed out that the negatives the committee supplied were all suppositions and not supported by fact.

Board members were also concerned about how these students would affect class rank, the No Child Left Behind act and similar academic questions.

"The world is more complex - it is not either/or. I feel if we accommodate these kids, it's better for society," he said.

Board member Joyce Heneberry said this is not a matter of trust but in being rightfully cautious when they change policy.

When Dr. Sabatino prompted Vicki Axton for her opinion, she said she had wanted a compromise where the student would take four classes in Dist. 117 and the balance elsewhere.

"But I don't think anybody's going to be happy with that on either side," she said.

Board member Aileen Biel said she understood the choice of home-schooling a child. "I feel if you make that choice, you give up some things," Biel said.

Kim Miller did not come to the meeting unprepared. She cited statistics that indicated home schooled children scored in the 80th percentile rather than than national average of 50th percentile. Their SAT and ACT scores are also higher than the national average.

Miller also reference Phil Britton, assistant principal of Wheaton/Warrenville South High School. He indicated they allowed home schooled children to participate in extra-curricular activities without attending any classes within their district.

Miller also pointed out that as of next year Antioch and Lakes would be splitting their sports teams and could very well need more players to stay competitive.

Board member Kathleen Van Dien said she had a problem changing policy because it open up the doors for others and its not protects District 117 students. However she did suggest that someone should talk to Miller's source and hear his experiences.

President Delaney said he would make the call and suggested that a vote should not be taken.

"I'll give feedback, but for now, policy will stand as written," Delaney said.

After that portion of the meeting, Kim Miller said, "I know I can't give up even though I don't see it going our way," she said. "I don't think they asked the right questions."

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CALENDAR

Friday, April 29

7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting for families and friends of alcoholics held fifth Fridays in Libertyville. Call (e-mail) Jack at 847-845-6829 (yessid1@comcast.net) or Janet at 847-921-4227 (jnelson@colemartin.net for details).

Saturday, April 30

9 a.m., Prayers for Revival in Lake County at Linden Villa Baptist Church, 38869 N. Deep Lake Rd., Lake Villa. Saturdays through May 14. All invited. If you need to contact us, please call 847-245-7471.

Ends today, "Three Dimensional Works" by Antioch Fine Arts Foundation, 983 Main St. Art show ends Apr. 30. Please call the foundation at 847-838-2274 to learn more.

Sunday, May 1

7-9 p.m., Open gym Sundays at Antioch Community High School. \$2. Adults only.

4 p.m., The Writers' Group, a free, non-profit "just for fun" group, meets first Sundays in Libertyville. Leave message at 847-362-7152.

Monday, May 2

7 p.m., Sub-committee meetings of Antioch Village Board held first Mondays. Committee meetings of the whole at 8 p.m. Village Hall, 874 Main St.

12:45 p.m., Bingo held Mondays at the Senior Center. Call 847-395-7120 for details.

7-9 p.m., Lakes Area Community Band rehearses at ACHS. Call Debbie Davis at 847-395-0272.

1 p.m., Prairie Pioneers #1081, an organization for the study of antiques and the preservation of heritage, meets first Mondays in a private home. Call 847-223-4001 to learn more.

Tuesday, May 3

Noon, Kiwanis Club of Antioch meets Tuesdays at Bacchus Restaurant (formerly TNT's). Kiwanis is about "Serving the Children in Our Community." The public is welcome to join and share experience, knowledge and service project ideas. Please call Melissa at 847-489-8044 or e-mail her at mjrigoni@hotmail.com for more information.

7 p.m., Antioch Network of Friends, a multiple sclerosis support group, meets first Tuesdays at the Community Building, 884 Main St., back entrance. Please call Louise at 847-395-1317 or Rachel at 847-973-1808 for details.

6:45 p.m., Bingo Tuesdays at Antioch VFW. Doors open 4:30 p.m. Call 847-395-5393 for information.

2:30-4 p.m., "A Healing Circle," a grief support group for loss of a loved one, pet, job or other dramatic life change. Meets first and third Tuesdays at Grayslake Senior Center, 50 Library Ln. Please call Susan Fox-Larkin at 847-573-4095 before attending.

7-8:30 p.m., Women's Binge Eating Disorder support group meets Tuesdays in a private home. Call 847-223-9784 for details.

7:30 p.m., Lake Co. Coin Club meets first Tuesdays at Jester's Lounge in Waukegan. Please call Les at 847-662-1955 for details.

Wednesday, May 4

7 p.m., Northern Lake County Quilter's Guild meets first Wednesdays at Millburn Church, Rt. 45 & Grass Lake Rd. Call Madelyn at 847-587-4599.

6:30 p.m., Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets Wednesdays, weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting at the Senior Center, 817 Holbeck Dr. Call Dorothy Stark at 847-395-7407 or Betty Muller at 847-838-3907.

Thursday, May 5

8-9 a.m., Network Lake County, a business networking group, meets Thursdays at Café Oceana, Gurnee. Please call Boyce Buckner at 847-838-0058.

7 p.m., "Running in Stitches," an American Sewing Guild group, meets first Thursdays. Call Janet at 265-7932 or Chris at 847-548-8223 for details.

9:30-11:30 a.m., Lake Co. Council for Seniors meets in Grayslake. All welcome. Please call 847-367-0087.

Friday, May 6

6:30 p.m. Lake Co. Camera Club meets first Fridays in Gurnee. All skill levels, digital and film, are welcome. Call Mike Ament at 847-356-6937 (noon-6).

Saturday, May 7

Women's Handgun Firearm Training Clinic and Women In The Outdoors workshop, sponsored by Lake Co. Longbeards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. Bass Pro Shop, Gurnee Mills. Call Marina Mirillees at 847-740-2821 or go to LakeCntyLngbeard@aol.com for details.

Coming soon

"Protect Your Children on the Internet," Thurs., May 12, 7 p.m., at Antioch Public Library, 757 N. Main St. Antioch Police Department will give parents and caregivers facts and ideas to keep children safe as they surf the internet. Reservations recommended. Please call 847-395-0874.

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A Directory Of Antioch Area Churches

Graceland Baptist Church. 258 Ida St., Antioch, IL. Sunday School 11am., Morning Worship 11am., Sunday Evening 7pm. Robert Williams, Pastor.

First Church of Christ, Scientist & Reading Rm. Rte 173 and Harden, Antioch, Phone (847) 395-1196. Sunday School, Sunday Church Service 10:30am, Wednesday, 7:30pm.

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church. Missouri Synod, worshipping at Antioch/Lake Villa Township Center, 1625 Deep Lake Rd. Pastor Darold Gruen, Phone (847) 265-2450. Sunday Worship at 9am, Sunday School, High School & Adult Bible Classes 10:45am.

Heritage Lutheran Church. Lindenhurst Civic Center, 1949 Old Elm Rd., Lindenhurst. (847) 356-1766. Sunday service 10:00 am, Sunday School & Bible Class 9:00 am. (summer schedule - 9:00 am Sunday) Rev. Mark W. Anderson, Pastor.

St. Ignatius Episcopal. 500 Depot St. Antioch Phone (847) 395-0652. Low Mass 7:30am., High Mass 9:30am Sunday School & Nursery 9:30am. Rev. Vincent Eckholm, Pastor.

Crossview Church (formerly Antioch Evangelical Free Church) 750 Highway Drive, Antioch, IL 847-395-4117 Sunday Worship Services 9:00am and 10:30am Sunday School for all ages (nursery provided) Call for more information.

St. Stephen Lutheran Church (ELCA). 1155 Hillside Ave. Phone (847) 395-3359. Sunday Worship. 8:00, 9:30, 10:45am. Rev. Roger Black, Pastor. Saturday Worship Service 5:00pm

Christian Life Fellowship Assemblies of God Church. 41625 Deep Lake Rd., Antioch. Phone (847) 395-8572. Sunday School (all ages) 9am., Sunday Morning Worship 10am., Children's Church 10am., Sunday Evening Worship 6:30pm., Wednesday Worship & Children's Program 7am., Tues. Women's Fellowship & Bible Study 9-11:30am. Jeff Brussaly, Pastor.

Antioch Baptist Church. 817 Holbeck Dr., Antioch. Phone (847) 769-5332. Sunday Morning Worship 10:15am., Sunday evening Service 6:00pm., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00pm. Pastor Ken Foster.

Faith Evangelical Lutheran. 1275 Main St., Phone (847) 395-1660. Sunday Worship 8 & 10:30am., Sunday School 9:25am., Mon. Worship 7:00pm Pastors Gregory Hermanson & Aaron Christie. Christian Day School (847) 395-1664.

Millburn Congregational United Church of Christ. 19073 W. Grass Lake Rd. at Rte. 45. Phone (847) 356-5237. Sunday Services 8:30am. Eucharist at 10am. Family Worship with Church School and Nursery Care. Rev. Jed Watson, Pastor.

Antioch United Methodist Church. 848 Main St., Antioch, Phone (847) 395-1259. Rev. Gary Curt, Pastor. Sunday Worship 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Children's church and Sunday School. Adult Groups at 9:15 a.m. Nursery care for children through 3 years of age from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

St. Peter's Church. 557 W. Lake St., Antioch. Phone (847) 395-0274. Masses weekdays, 7:30am; Sunday 6:30, 8, 9:30, 11:30am & Saturday 5:30pm. Rev. Father Ronald H. Anglim, Pastor.

Chain of Lakes Community Bible Church. 43 W. Grass Lake Rd., Phone (847) 838-0103. Sunday Worship 9:30 and 11:00. Sunday School. Rev. Kerry Bauman, Senior Pastor

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod). 25100 W. Grand Ave. (Rte. 59 & 132), Lake Villa. (847) 356-5158. Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:45am; Sunday School (3 and up) and Bible Study 9:30am. Rev. John Zellmer, Pastor.

Lighthouse Church of Antioch. 554 Parkway Ave., Antioch, IL (847) 838-0616. Saturday Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Adventure Club for Kids, Adult Bible Study Saturday Evening 6:00 p.m. Monday Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Thursday Evening PTSD Support Group 7:00 p.m. Senior Pastor Tom Barlmer.

NorthBridge Church. A Contemporary Worship Experience. Meeting at Antioch Community High School, 1133 Main St., Antioch, (847) 838-9370, www.northbridgechurch.org. Service Sunday - 10:30am, Children's Classes (K-5) - 10:30 am. Mark Albrecht, Senior Pastor.

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Host Lake Villa Vipers finish 2nd in tourney

Lake Villa Vipers 14, Libertyville Jr. Wildcats 1 (5 Innings)

Lake Villa dominated a recently assembled group of Wildcats from start to finish. Paul De Jong had two of Lake Villa's five hits, and Lake Villa made the Wildcats pay for their mistakes. Nine Viper hitters scored after reaching by either a walk or a Libertyville error. Chris Hoffman drove in four runs, and combined with Anthony Falcon to limit the Wildcats to only one run on one hit.

Game 2: Lake Villa Vipers 4, Palatine Travelers 5

Good pitching and solid defense by both teams lead to a heartbreaking Viper loss. Lake Villa was limited to only two hits (Brandon Schlaeger, Chris Hoffman). Four Lake Villa pitchers, lead by Nick Traska and Nick Klein, struck out six and limited the Travelers to only three hits. Jake Brown drove in two runs and Taylor Kerton scooped up several would be errors at first base, but it was not enough, as the Travelers erased a 4-0 deficit with a four-run fifth inning.

Game 3: Lake Villa Vipers 8, Crystal Lake Cougars 7

With temperatures more likely for football, the Vipers fought hard in a must-win game. Lake Villa jumped out to an early 3-0 lead with three hits and two walks in the first inning. It was a classic back and forth battle throughout, however, as the Cougars scored 4 times in the second inning. Taylor Kerton doubled and scored the winning run, while Chris Hoffman had two hits and a walk. Matt Dexheimer scored twice after reaching with a hit and a walk. With the win, and a little help from other teams, the Vipers were able to secure the No. 4 seed to battle for the championship.

Game 4 (Semifinal): Lake Villa Vipers 15, Grayslake Rams 6

Lake Villa took advantage of their opportunity, and knocked off the No. 1-seeded Rams with an eight-hit attack. The Vipers, led by Matt Dexheimer's three hits and two RBI, scored four runs in the third inning and five runs in the sixth inning to seal the victory. Jake Brown and Paul De Jong each drove in three runs, and some solid



The Lake Villa Vipers 11-year-old baseball team celebrates its second-place finish in their own tournament last weekend.

defense, lead by Brandon Schlaeger, helped the Vipers reach the championship game.

Game 5 (Championship): Lake Villa Vipers 6, Wauconda Rattlers 7 (10 Innings)

It was deja vu all over again, as Lake Villa played in a championship game for the second straight Sunday against a very evenly matched team. Like last week, the Vipers simply could not hold their opponent after taking the lead. Mitch

Kwiatkowski and Logan Edwards each had one of the Viper's six total hits. Clutch relief pitching from Chris Hoffman, Matt Beranek, Nick Klein, and Anthony Falcon, allowed the Vipers one final chance in the 10th inning. However, after the Vipers scored the go ahead run the top of the inning, the Rattlers scored twice in the bottom of the tenth to win the championship and an automatic bid in the Illinois State tournament.

LASC Area Soccer Club teams doing well in league play

The Titans bounced back from a tough 3-0 loss at the hands of Libertyville when they beat Park Ridge 2-0 last Saturday. Offensive stand-outs in the game include Billy Mohr and Taylor Krumpas, who scored the game's only two goals. As a result of his effort, Krumpas was given Player of the Game honors. On the defensive side of the ball, Alex Grimm was the most productive Lindenhurst player, as he racked up six saves in the contest. In the Libertyville loss, Connor Luetke was named as the Player of the Game.

The Lindenhurst Fire BU10 team opened

its season with a 3-2 victory against the Glenview Titans Gold team. Trevor Ray opened up the scoring for the Fire on an assist from T.J. Edwards to give the team an early 1-0 lead. The Fire wasn't done as Ray scored another goal to bring the score to 2-1 at the half. Nick Powell scored the final Lindenhurst goal to eventually take the 3-2 victory.

The Girls U13 Rockets team has not had such a good run as the Stars were defeated by the Crystal Lake Force 2-0. While goalie Sarah Bartlett was unable to prevent two goals, she displayed skill in

the game, finishing with eight saves. The team was also able to finish with a stalemate against the Arlington Aces White, as the two teams tied at two goals apiece. Victoria Simpson and Kristina Umlauf both finished with one goal in the game.

The U10 Stars have lived up to the "star" nomenclature, as they stand undefeated, beating both the Lincolnshire Lightning 5-1 and Grayslake Galaxy 2-1. The Grayslake game took place April 10, and Stars, Erica Slack and Lisa Styczen finished with a goal apiece while goalies

Brook Olsen and Katie Mason finished with two saves each.

In the Lincolnshire game, the Stars had good offensive production from a number of players as Jenna Baker, Breana Falls, Mason, Katie McCollum and Slack all finished with a goal. Olsen and Baker also finished with two saves at the goalie position.

The Lindenhurst Area Soccer Club travel soccer teams are comprised of girls and boys age 7 and up from the Northern Lake County area. LASC is already forming teams for the fall 2005 season.

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- The Earth Machine composters are 33" tall, 33" in diameter and will hold approximately 10.5 cubic feet of material. This model sells for \$20.
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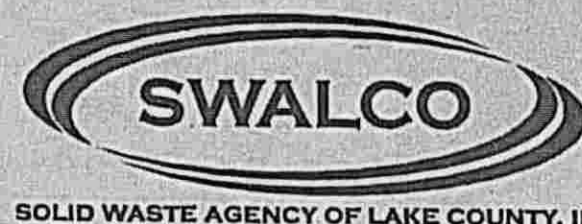
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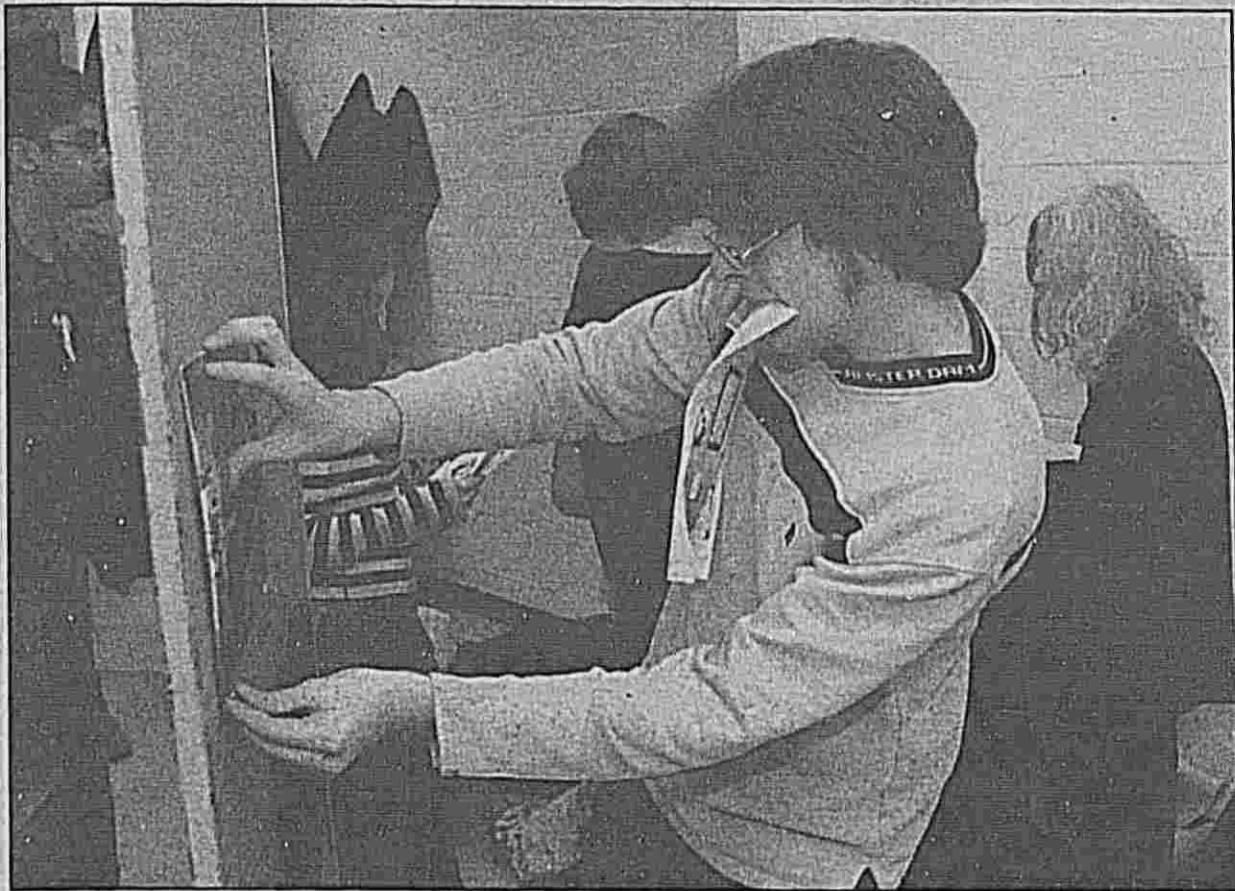


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Mike Nagel, a junior at Antioch Community High School, pins artwork onto display walls in preparation for the North Suburban Conference Art Fair at Grant Community High School in Fox Lake.

Mother Nature's recycling program

More than 14,000 Lake County residents know that "compost happens," and now it's even easier to try composting at home thanks to the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County's (SWALCO) compost bin sales program. Residents can choose from two different compost bins (the "Earth Machine" stationary model and the "Tumbler" model) at locations and dates all across Lake County beginning in early May.

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Composting at home requires a mix of materials high in nitrogen (such as grass clippings and leaves) and materials high in carbon (such as vegetable and fruit peelings). Each composter comes with an educational booklet that describes the process of getting started and producing high quality compost.

Compost bin sale dates and locations are listed below. For more information, check out the SWALCO Web site (www.swalco.org) or contact the SWALCO office at 847-336-9340.

Compost bins will be for sale at of Lake Street and Highway 173, Antioch by the Saint Peter Youth Group at the Saint Peter Church, Main Parking Lot on May 14 along with a Plant Sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact 847-395-0246 for more information.

Radium level high in one well in Painted Lakes system

The Village of Lake Villa announced test results for Painted Lakes Water System. As required by the Environmental Protection Agency, the Village has been testing the water for radium for a number of years. Until the end 2004, the results have indicated we were in compliance with water quality standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency in all of our wells.

We have two separate water systems (Providence at Painted Lakes and Lake Villa) that consist of both shallow and deep wells. Per IEPA regulations, we are required to inform the public, every three months, that in December the village was notified that the average testing results over the last 12 months show that the Painted Lakes deep well exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for

combined radium set by the Environmental Protection Agency. This notice will be provided every three months until we meet compliance levels. It could take up to one year following corrective action to meet compliance levels.

The standard for combined radium is five pico curies per liter (pCi/L). The average level of combined radium over the last year for the Painted Lakes deep well was 6 pCi/L.

It is important for residents to know that the Painted Lakes shallow wells are primary wells, providing water to residents on a regular basis. The Providence of Painted Lakes system only provides water to the subdivisions of Painted Lakes, Northshore on Deep Lake, and Oakland Ridge as well as Lakes Community High School. The Painted Lakes deep well is not currently active and is used only during the summer

months when water usage is at its highest.

The Village has chosen to use a blending method of the shallow wells and the deep well in order to reduce to an acceptable level of radium. In order to blend the water, we will be installing additional piping to the water tower, which will require us to temporarily shut down the tower. While we do not anticipate a disruption in your water service, we will notify customers prior to the construction, which is expected to begin in June.

Radium is a naturally occurring radioactive element that is present in varying amounts in rocks and soil. Small amounts of radium derived from these sources can also be found in groundwater. Deep bedrock aquifers used for drinking water, as in the Village of Lake Villa's Painted Lakes deep well, are more likely than

shallow wells or surface water to contain levels of radium that exceed regulatory requirements.

Radium is not known to cause adverse health effects at levels generally encountered in drinking water, diet, or the environment. Studies indicate that exposure to high levels of radium can have severe health effects. Drinking water standards are based on reducing long-term exposure to low levels of radium.

For more information about radium, contact Village of Lake Villa Superintendent of Sewer and Water, Jim Bowles at 847-245-6900 ext. 301 or review the Environmental Health Fact Sheet on the Illinois Department of Public Health's Web site at <http://www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/factsheets/radium.htm>.

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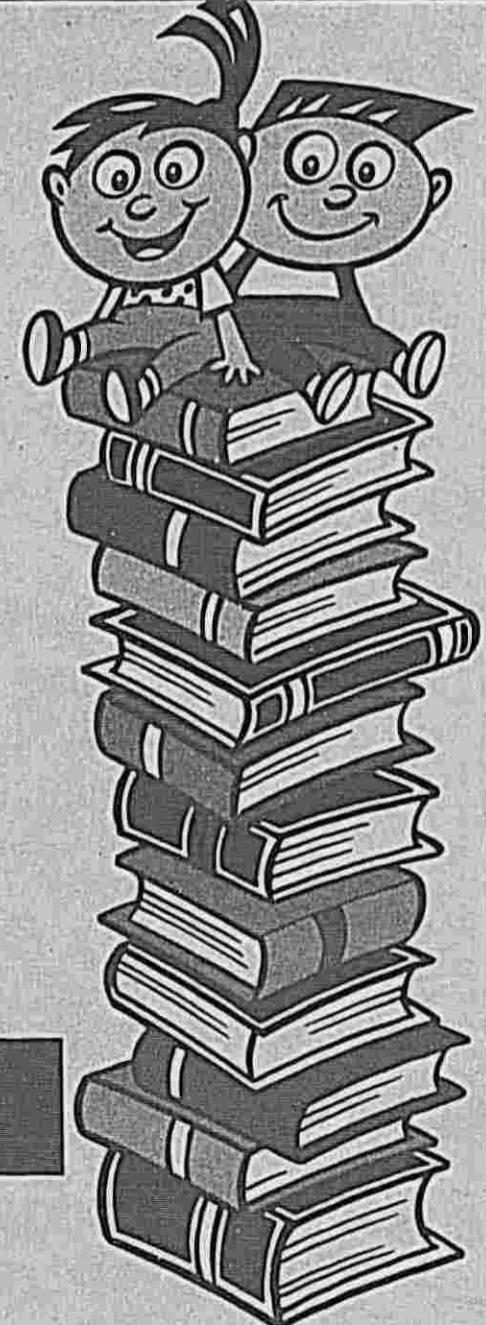
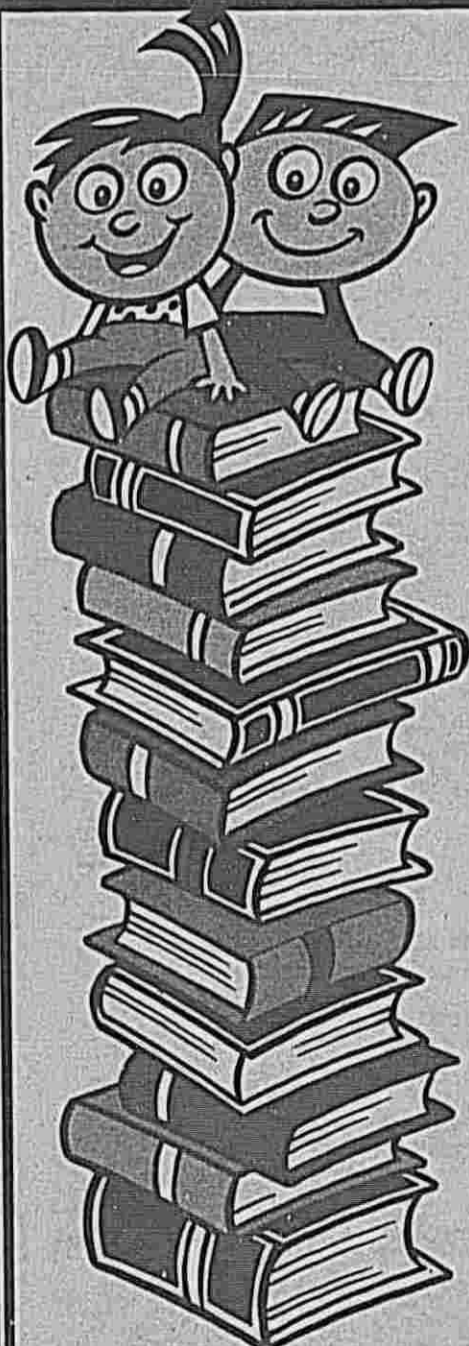
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Chocolate lovers

By Dan Patrick
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Everyone's favorite sweet is coming in a big way for Long Grove's sixth annual Chocolate Fest this weekend. The event will feature everything from simple classic treats and candies to decadent professional masterpieces made by well-known chefs and even chocolate drinks will be provided.

Long Grove, a tourist town with more than 80 specialty shops and restaurants has been gearing up for the annual event for some time. The festival will feature chocolate fountains, roll gourmet truffles, and a Champagne Chocolate Brunch, among many other cocoa-based treats. While Long Grove is known for its many clothing and gift boutiques, Long Grove resident Peg Ball said every business is taking part in the event.

"All the Long Grove merchants take part. We have sponsors that take part in the event, some chocolate, some not," Ball said. "We have free giveaway chocolate from Giradeli, Long Grove and many other merchants."

While a constant sugar high might seem like a child-based form of entertainment, organizers insist there is something for everyone.

"It's really for anyone and everyone," Ball said. "We have kiddie rides, pony rides, Peppermint Patty, Umpa Loompa people will be entertaining the children and we also have jazz music and other attractions for the adults."

Chocolate isn't the only sweet creation taking center stage at the festival. Cheesecake lovers can also rejoice in the event as Eli's Cheesecake Company will be unveiling a new product. Diana Moles, the senior product manager of Eli's Cheesecake is putting on her chef's hat for the unveiling of her creation.

"It's going to be a Belgian Hazelnut, it's an intense chocolate cheesecake," Moles said. "It's a chocolate-covered and iced in a chocolate ganash. The ganash is kind of like a truffle mixture and to add texture, I'm putting a layer of crunchy crust on top made from a corn flake that is coated in chocolate."

Despite her tall task of unveiling a new product for her company, Moles fully intends to take part in the festivities as well.

"It's kind of a community thing, it's a fun event and it reminds me of something you would see in the 1930's," Moles said. "It's a fun thing for me to do, my family goes out and we just make a day for it and you get a nice sized audience."

The event will also feature the second annual Kids' Chocolate Candy Fashion Show that will benefit the Foundation for Developmentally Disabled Children and is sponsored by Long Grove Confectionery and the Jelly Belly Candy Company. The fashion show itself will feature children modeling candy-covered clothing and will take place at noon and 2 p.m., April 30 and May 1 in Fountain Square.

While the idea for candy-covered clothing might seem outlandish, style will certainly not take a backseat to the sweet treats adorning the garments. Area crafter Diane Hardy, along with the help of local children decorated dresses, pants, shoes and accessories with candy canes, Jelly Belly jelly beans, licorice and many other sugary delights. In total, an estimated 120,000 pieces of candy or chocolate have been used in the construction of the items.

"The fashion show is sponsored by Long Grove Confectionery and Jelly Belly and it's a very inventive event," Ball said. "They're put on clothing pieces to a theme and it's all kids for kids. Last year, they came up with some beautiful designs and it was a very fun thing for kids and adults alike."

In the end, the fashion show is not just about the beauty of design or the taste of the candy adornments - it's for the Foundation for Developmentally Disabled Children.

Disabled Children. Tamara Cianci, Long Grove Confectionery's spokesperson said the fashion show not only aids the children, but also shows the quality of her company's products.

"All this is to drive awareness of our fest charity and to show



Workers at the Long Grove Confectionery scoop out melted chocolate that will become pecan clusters at the company's Buffalo Grove facility. The confectionery will be a main attraction at this weekend's Long Grove Chocolate Festival, where there will be a 500-pound chocolate pizza on display and available for consumption.

that chocolate is alive and well in Chicagoland," Cianci said.

Clothing won't be the only artwork present at the Fest as Master Pastry Chef Jacquy Pfeiffer and Sebastien Canonne, co-founders of the French Pastry School will also show their talents at the event. Pfeiffer, a chocolate sculptor for more than 25 years will be creating a Spring-based sculpture for the audience. Pfeiffer has been featured on the Food Network in chocolate sculpting contests and has coached world championship sculptors.

"I will be doing a demonstration on chocolate sculpture, I'm going to be making a chocolate flower and it's going to be all about spring, with hearts and leaves and branches," Pfeiffer said. "It's going to be about two to three feet tall. We usually play it safe. It's going to be about 60-degrees which is going to be a blessing for me because it won't melt. I've done the Long Grove fest for about five years and it's always a good time."

Regardless of the weather, the festival is sure to be fun for both families and their respective taste buds.

"It's going to be a fun time just to come out and wander, just sit out in the fresh air, enjoy the sunshine and relax," Ball said. "Relax and enjoy some great chocolate."

The Long Grove Chocolate Fest is taking place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, April 29 through Sunday, May 1 at Long Grove. Admission and parking in the municipal lots are free and numerous free samples will also be given out.

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Say a prayer for a black lab

Oh was I livid. I don't get angry easily and try to be forgiving of people's ignorance but this was just too much. About two weeks ago I was stopped at a garage sale in Libertyville with my husband Chuck. The house was a nice split level in a desirable part of town.

We walked up the drive and into the garage where a variety of objects sat on tables. I noticed a small child crouched on the floor playing with a toy. I heard the toy make noise so I zoned in on it. It was one of those cute electronic dogs that when put by its water or food dish made chewing and slurping noises. I laughed as I watched the little girl make the dog drink water.

The girl's mom and the homeowner were standing near by so I jokingly said, "so is this your daughter's only dog or does she have another?" "Oh, that's it," she answered. I thought to myself, boy this must be a parent's way of pacifying a child who wants a dog—pretty sorry substitute. I continued to browse the sale items.

It was then I heard a low growl and looking noticed a small black lab in the garage behind a make shift wire and wood cage. The cage obviously led to some sort of run on the side of the property. The dog seemed nervous and agitated. Surprised I said to the homeowner, "oh, I thought you said you didn't have a dog." She said, "Oh, that's just our hunting dog. My husband takes the dog hunting. He's gotta clean that pen though. I'm not doing it."

I peered at the area she was indicating. The pen was about five foot by three feet, dog feces scattered about the floor of the small area. I said, "You mean the dog lives out there?" "Yeah, she hates it inside, freaks her out. I tried bringing her in once and she just



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bolted for the door." I could feel my blood beginning to boil.

"If you leave a dog in a small enclosed area without human contact and without running and playing room of course they are going to be terrified if after a long time you bring them in the house for a minute or two. I went on to tell her that dogs are meant to be with people and do not fair well not having daily human contact. They can become aggressive, scared and unmanageable. I went on, "How would you like to be stuck in a small area by yourself all the time?" I told her that it was very cruel what they were doing. My voice was not raised nor was I confrontational, I made a point to force myself to remain calm. Shouting would only have made her think I was a nut.

Her response, "well, my husband would debate you on that." The whole time she never appeared remorseful, worried or at the very least questioning. Instead she seemed indifferent as if the dog was an object verses a living, breathing soul. My short observation of the dog and how the dog owner described her she has been ruined by this treatment and only severe rehabilitation could save her.

Had I thought to ask her I would have said, "what will happen to the dog when she becomes too old to hunt? And really, how often does your husband take her hunting? Having a small child I doubt the man goes hunting several times a week. People like them should have their dogs taken away from them. But unfortunately as long as the dog has food, water and shelter there is little that can be done. I left the garage sale with a heavy heart and a strong dislike for this unfeeling family in Libertyville. Then I said a prayer that somehow the dog would get out of its jail and find a new life full of love.

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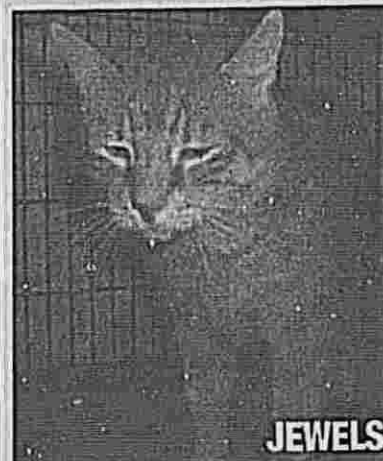
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Terpsichore dancers show off collection

By Kyle Schmitt

Staff Reporter

Many of the area's best young dancers shined on-stage at the Terpsichore Dance Company's Collection of Dance on April 23 - 24.

Blending ballet, jazz, modern and tap elements into their performance, approximately 60 dancers displayed their precocious talents at the Gorton Community Center Theatre in Lake Forest. Given their challenging pieces, Terpsichore co-director Isabele Elefson said she remains pleased with her students' performance and ability to follow instruction.

Several guest choreographers, including Lisa Johnson-Willingham and Lyric Opera of Chicago ballet mistress Sara Stewart, brought their talents to the show, Elefson said.

"Some of these choreographers are so well-known that they can pick who they work with, and they want to work with good dancers," she said of her students.

Movements ranged from classical to techno, as students even changed from point shoes to dancing barefoot for a more contemporary.

rary theme. "That shows how versatile the dancers are, that they can go from classical ballet to a modern piece and do very well," Elefson said.

A performance group housed at the Dance Academy of Libertyville, Terpsichore provides an opportunity for students 10 years old through high school to train more intensely and realize their potential, Elefson said.

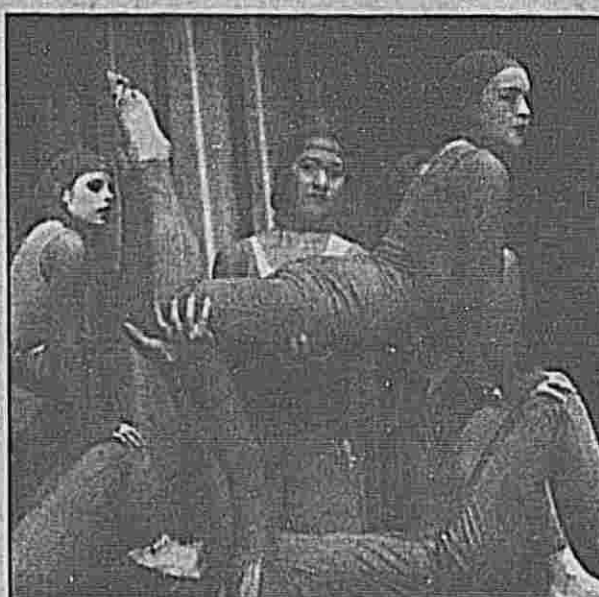
Many students want to perform in college and professionally, and "we do give them a pretty good idea" for what lies ahead, Elefson said. "We prepare them for that."

Her company specializes in teaching ballet, which Elefson considers a foundation for aspiring dancers, and other styles, including the occasional hip-hop course.

Such performances allow dancers to show the public what they work so hard to perfect, said Carmel High School sophomore Pablo Sanchez.

Currently training in his fifth year with the dance company, Sanchez said he usually practices three hours per day Monday through Thursday, and attended weekend rehearsals in preparation for the show. Time management presents difficulties, but he craves the experience that comes with working for the area's brightest talents.

Sanchez performed in a piece this past weekend created by Paul Christiano,



Moving in time with the music, the Terpsichore II Dance Company, melt into a single body of motion, while performing "The Tangled Web" as part of the Collection of Dance, Spring 2005 performance.

whose Miracle, Interrupted, work won the 2001 Ruth Page Award. The guest choreographer's techno piece featured extremely fast, tight movements that challenged dancers with problematic timing.

"You have to figure out just a little bit how they like everything done," Sanchez said of guest choreographers. "I think this time we had great choreographers who adjusted and made us look good."

More shows, rehearsals and focus made joining Terpsichore a natural choice for Carmel junior Nora Burt. She hopes to pursue dance as a career, and said that past training with more seasoned performers was "a lot of work, but it was worth it. This is a good experience to have older dancers around you."

Exhibiting her talents on stage remains her favorite part of dance, Burt said. "Nothing gets me as excited as when I'm in front of a zillion people," she said. "I don't know, it's a high like nothing else, it's a huge rush that makes all the classes and rehearsals worth it for that weekend."

Burt enjoyed the different types of dance presented at the Collection showcase, as her love of the accompanying musical pieces and Broadway performing made several contrasting works appealing. She finds ballet and tap the easiest styles to perform, and said the dance company has encouraged her to follow her passion as she enters adult life.

"It kind of makes or breaks you because you either love spending all your time there, or you realize 'it's not for me,'" Burt said. "When you love something so much, and there's a place that accommodates that, you're not going to walk away from it."

Dedication and a peerless work ethic would serve the young athletes well throughout life, Elefson said. "They'll still be able to carry dance with them wherever they go with what they've learned at this school," she said.

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Shall we gather at the river?

At the rate Lake County is being developed, Earth Day on April 22 may soon be more a day of remembrance than celebration.

Despite this, the Fox River still comes alive this time of year, especially along stretches protected by the Citizens for Conservation and Lake County Forest Preserves. Here Canada Geese and Great Blue Herons return to nest along the riverbank, fish spawn, and deer forage as frogs call out for mates. But even where nature is supposedly untouched, creatures share habitat with rusting beer cans, leaking chemical drums, and, even worse, an ever-increasing influx of sewage from sprawling development.

Now don't start pointing fingers, because we're all responsible for selling this precious natural resource down the river. Why? We can't get it through our thick, territorial skulls that everyone shares the Fox. When it comes to pollution, what goes around comes around when one community after another sends its waste downstream. You see, we all live downstream.

Considering what's at stake, you'd think we'd come together to protect what the advocacy group American Rivers describes as the "seventh most endangered river in the U.S." 11 percent of Illinois' population lives in the Fox River basin, and is expected to increase 34 percent by 2010. About 200,000 people rely on the river for drinking water.

The Fox is one of the most heavily used recreational areas in the Midwest.

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It seems to me that, without a comprehensive environmental protection plan for the entire river, we might as well tune our radios to the following "public service announcement"...

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But not to worry. Developers are so busy paving over wetlands that absorb storm water, you should have plenty of water to boil when your basement floods.

On the other hand, you might want to stick with bottled water...if you find yourself wading through raw sewage because the wastewater treatment plant can't handle the overflow.

But there's good news. Organizations like Friends of the Fox River are fighting to save us from ourselves. Find out how you can pitch in by contacting them at 815-356-6605 or www.friendsofthefoxriver.org—and drink responsibly.

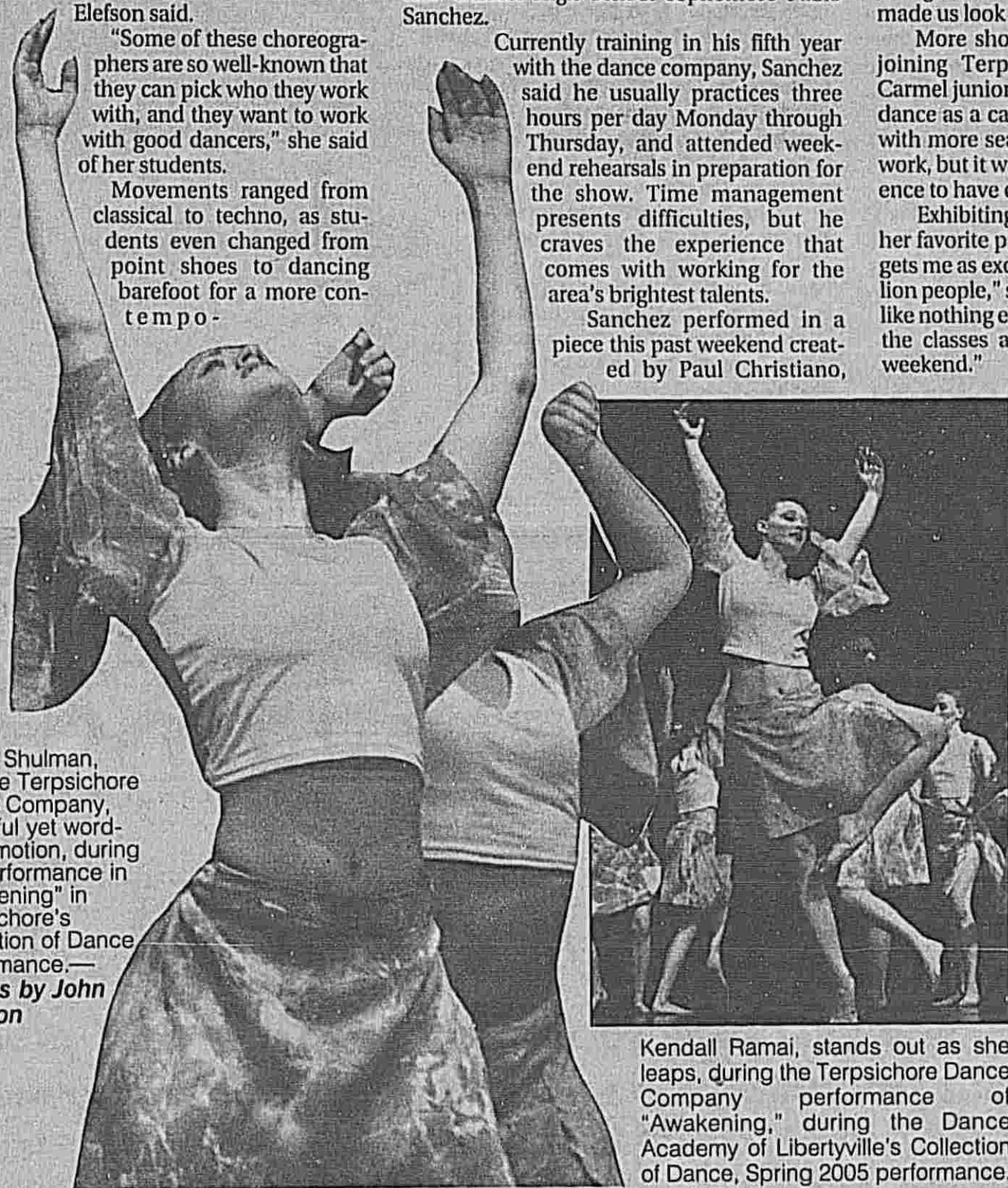
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Becca Shulman, with the Terpsichore Dance Company, powerful yet wordless emotion, during her performance in "Awakening" in Terpsichore's Collection of Dance performance. — Photos by John Dickson



Kendall Ramai, stands out as she leaps, during the Terpsichore Dance Company performance of "Awakening," during the Dance Academy of Libertyville's Collection of Dance, Spring 2005 performance.

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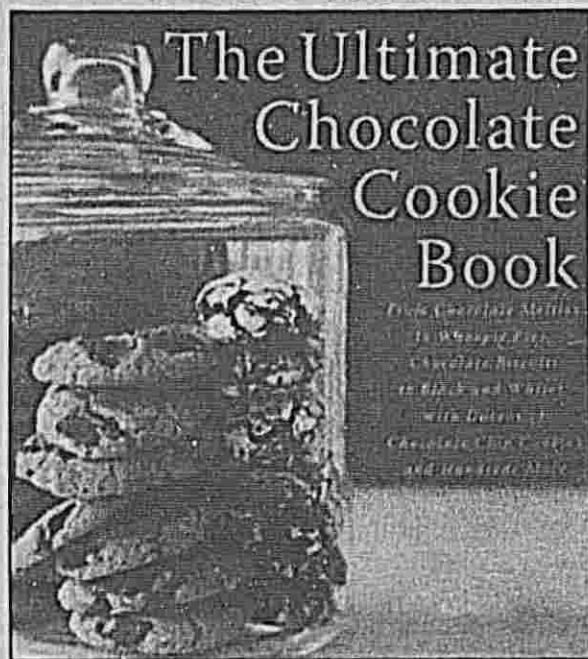
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COOKING BY THE BOOK

Chocolate plus Cookies equals Bliss. And in "The Ultimate Chocolate Cookie Book," co-authors Bruce Weinstein and Mark Scarbrough demonstrate that equation, presenting more than 90 useful recipes, alphabetized and identified according to texture - from crunchy to

cakey.

Their book is aptly subtitled "From Chocolate Melts to Whoopie Pies, Chocolate Biscotti to Black and Whites, with Dozens of chocolate Chip Cookies." They certainly hit the mark with Chocolate Chip Biscotti. The basic recipe here also can easily be varied by reducing the chocolate chips to one cup and adding a half-cup of dried currants or by including half a teaspoon of orange extract and one tablespoon finely grated orange zest



Chocolate Chip Biscotti

2 cups plus 1 tbs. all-purpose flour, plus additional for dusting the work surface
1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt

1 1/2 cups semisweet mini chocolate chips
3 Tbl. cool, unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
3/4 cup sugar

1 cup sliced almonds
2 large eggs, at room temperature
2 large egg whites, at room temperature
1 tsp. vanilla extract

Position the rack in the center of the oven; preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat; set aside. Mix 2 cups flour, the baking soda and salt in a medium bowl; set aside. In a second medium bowl, mix the mini chocolate chips with the remaining 1 tablespoon flour, coating them thoroughly; set aside as well.

Soften the butter in a large bowl, using an electric mixer at medium speed. Add the sugar and continue beating until grainy but incorporated, about 1 minute. Beat in the sliced almonds with the mixer to crush them up into the batter. Add both the eggs and continue beating until smooth, then add the egg whites and vanilla, beating at medium speed until the dough is light and uniform, about 1 more minute.

Turn off the mixer, add the flour mixture, then mix in at lowest speed possible, just until no flour is visible in the batter. Do not beat until the dough gathers into a ball. Remove the beaters and fold in the flour-coated chips with a wooden spoon or a rubber spatula just until even distributed.

Dust a clean, dry work surface with flour, then turn the dough out onto it. Dust your hands with flour, then knead the dough lightly until silky, about 2 minutes. Cut the dough in half and make two logs, each about 9 inch-

es long. Flatten the logs slightly into oval cylinders about 1 1/2 inches high, then place them 4 inches apart on the prepared baking sheet.

Bake for about 40 minutes, or until the logs are set, dry and firm to the touch. There should be some small fissures in the logs; they should also be browned slightly at the tops and along the edges. Cool on the baking sheet for 20 minutes. Meanwhile, reduce the oven temperature to 300 degrees F.

Transfer the logs to your work surface and use a serrated knife to slice into cookies about 3/4 inch thick. If desired, slice at a diagonal, rather than straight across the log, thereby making longer cookies. Place these cookies cut side down on a large baking sheet spacing them 1/2 inch apart. You may need to use more than one baking sheet, lined with a second sheet of parchment paper or baking mat.

Bake for about 8 minutes, then turn each cookie over and continue baking for about 10 more minutes, or until dry, crisp and lightly toasted. Cool on the baking sheet for 2 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack and cool completely.

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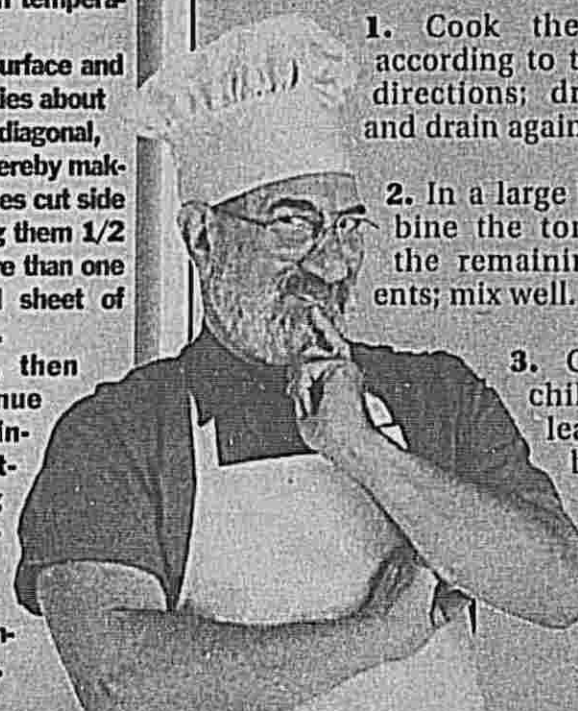
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2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper

1. Cook the tortellini according to the package directions; drain, rinse, and drain again.

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Weak 'Polish Joke' an ethnic journey of self-discovery

By Tom Witom

The premise - a young man with an identity crisis over his ethnicity undertakes an ambitious search to reinvent himself - sounds good, even if it's been done before.

But after the first 10 or 15 minutes, "Polish Joke," written by Chicago native David Ives and making its Midwest premiere via Noble Fool Theatricals, falls flat. The next two hours are broken up with a few good laughs, but the feeling this over-the-top comic farce inspires is tedium. As the show now stands, it's just too long.

Even a strong cast led by Matt Schwader (and, in multiple roles, Frank Nall, Doug MacKechne, Cameron Feagin and Julie Ganey) cannot fully rescue this production from heavy-handedness and self-indulgence. Spare us the running gags on Polish sausage, egg-in-the-beer and accordion music.

The cast, directed by Patrick Carton, goes through multiple scene and costume changes, assuming various identities from wise uncle to idiotic doctor, Polish nationalist Thaddeus Kosciuszko to sexy nurse.

Schwader, first introduced as 9-year-old Jasui, is told by his Uncle Roman that "all Polish jokes are true" and having a feeling of futility and uselessness is part of the "Polish condition."

But Jasui, calling himself John (later, Jack), decides he won't be limited by his ethnicity. So he completes his education and masks his background. But persistent would-

be employers always want to pigeonhole him and insist on asking if he's Polish.

After a disastrous and somewhat surrealistic scene in a flower shop where Jasui is all but invisible, a clerk plants the idea in John's mind of emigrating. With that, he decides to give up his Jewish girlfriend and buy a one-way ticket to Ireland. Switching his nationality and using the name Flanagan, he tries to pass himself off as Irish at a travel agency whose owners, the O'Flanagans and Miss MacFlanagan, aren't fooled. Nor are they what they seem.

Like it or not, Jasui's journey to the Emerald Isle is thwarted by the weather, and he ends up in Poland, where he finally discovers some interesting truths about his heritage and comes to the realization: "I tried to make myself into somebody else - and still can't get it right."



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Noble Fool Theatricals at Pheasant Run Resort, 4051 E. Main St., St. Charles Through June 18
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Matt Schwader (left) as Jasui and Frank Nall as Thaddeus Kosciuszko in Noble Fool Theatricals' "Polish Joke" at Pheasant Run Resort.



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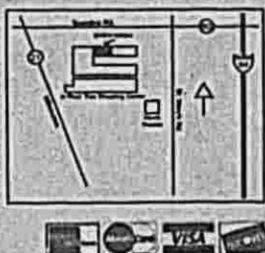
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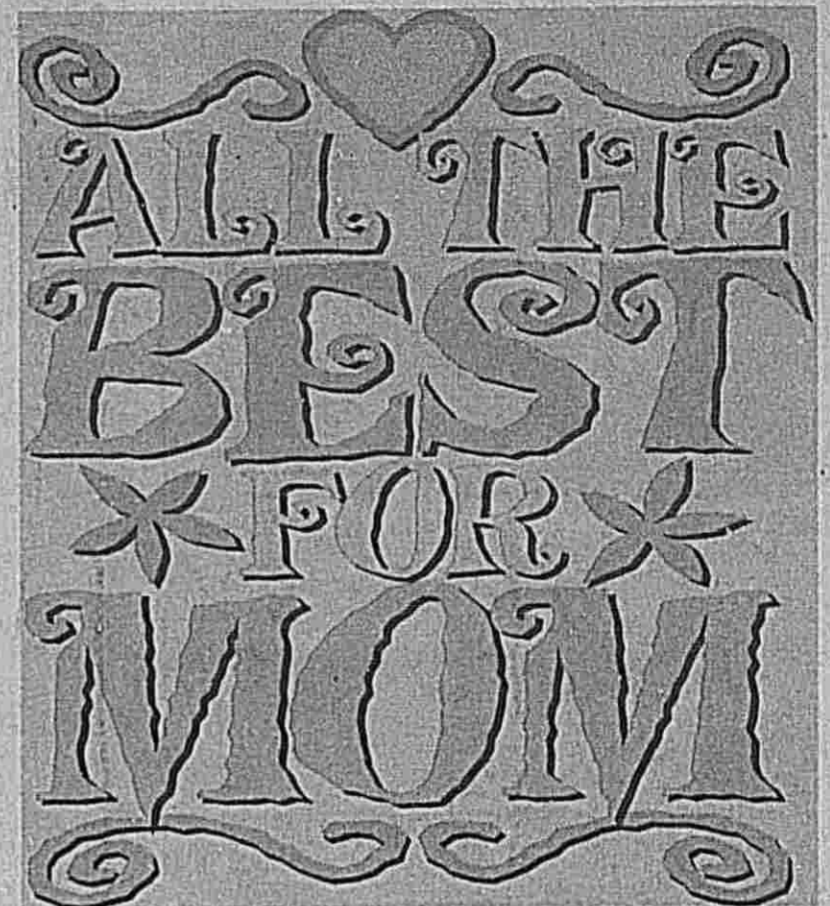
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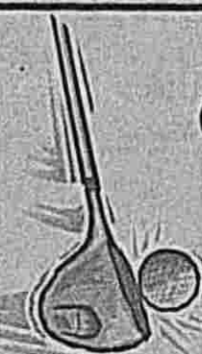
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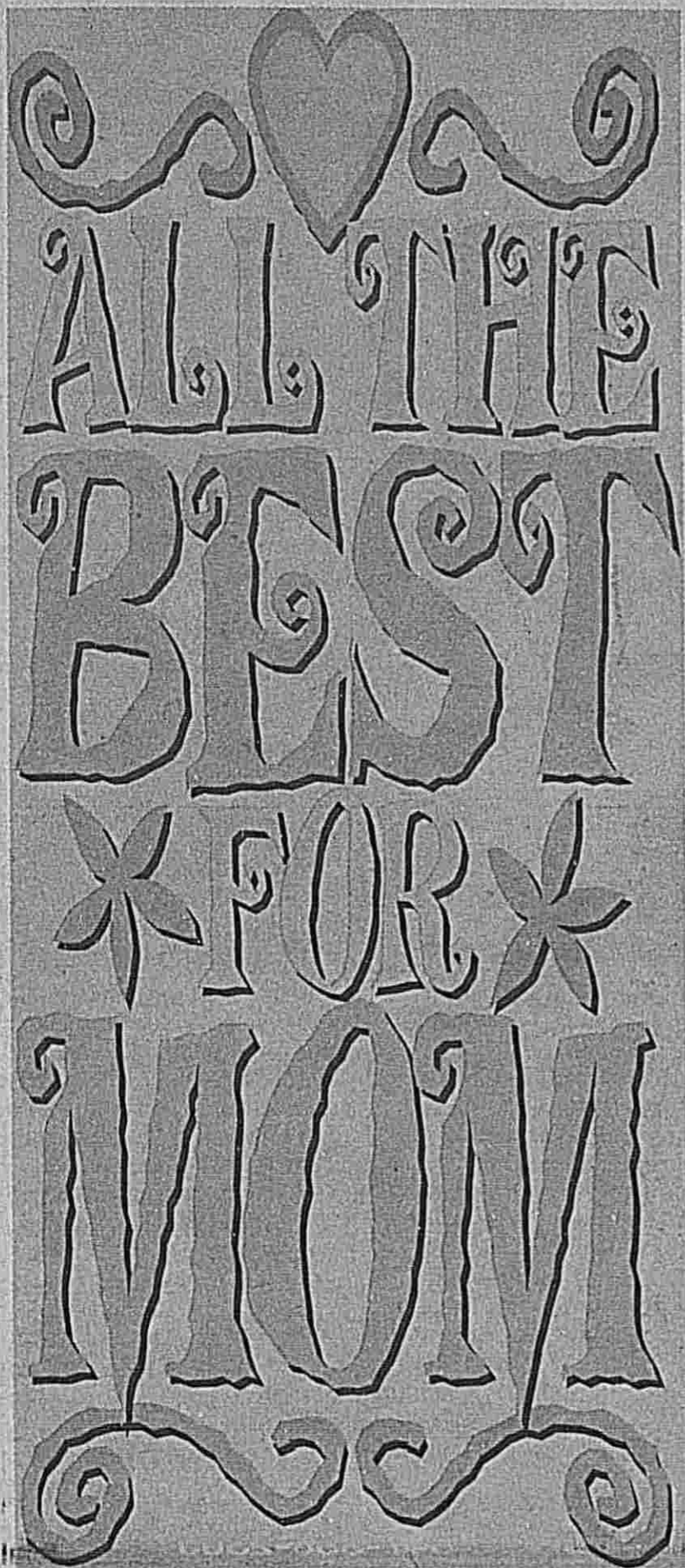
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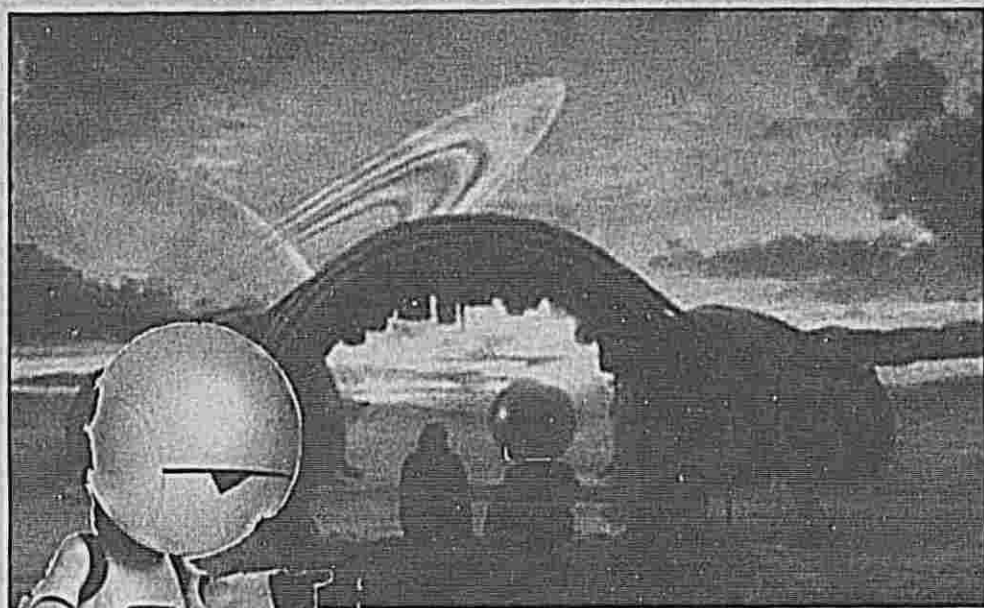
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MOVIE REVIEW KEY

NEW RELEASES

These films are currently playing at local theaters. An average of six new reviews a week as well as recent releases can be found under Now Playing at www.reelmoviecritic.com.

opening this week



The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy: Everyone has bad days. However, for a man named Arthur Dent (Martin Freeman, TV's "The Robinsons"), this goes far beyond a span of 24 funky hours. After he learns that a friend of his is actually an alien with futuristic knowledge of Earth's approaching destruction, he is transported off the Earth seconds before it explodes to make way for a new hyperspace highway. Throw in being wanted by the police of Earth II, a deranged electronic encyclopedia, a chronically despondent robot and the search for the meaning of life, you've got a truly whacked out adventure. Based on the hugely successful series of books written by Douglas Adams, who also wrote this script, the film stars Sam Rockwell, Mos Def, Zooey Deschanel, Martin Freeman. (PG)

XXX State of the Union: NSA Agent Samuel L. Jackson, fresh off the success of his last renegade recruitment, once again finds himself in need of an outsider. His new agent (Ice Cube), who replaced Vin Diesel from "XXX" must track a dangerous military splinter group, led by Willem Dafoe. They are conspiring to overthrow the U.S. Government in



the nation's capital. Stars Ice Cube, Willem Dafoe, Samuel L. Jackson. (PG-13)

still playing

Sin City (R)

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Beauty Shop (PG-13)

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The Interpreter (PG-13)

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Kung Fu Hustle (R)

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Sahara (PG-13)

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Guess Who (PG-13)

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This film could be summed up with the cliché, "What goes around, comes around." Tom (David Duchovny) is an expatriate illustrator who lives in Paris with his lovely wife and their son, who is about to turn 13 years old. This is a turning point in a young person's life and Tom wants this time to be positive for his son. Shadowy memories of Tom's own tortured adolescence haunt him. Duchovny narrates the film as Tom, as he shares with his wife (and several of their Parisian neighbors who listen from balconies surrounding the courtyard) the story of his young life in Greenwich Village N.Y., 30 years earlier. Duchovny's portrayal of Tom bookends the film, as a father anxious about his son's 13th year and later as he brings the story full circle.

In a flashback to 1973 we meet young Tommy Warshaw (Anton Yelchin of "Hearts in Atlantis") who lives with his widowed and depressed single mother, played by Tea Leoni (who is more of a basket case here than she was in "Spanglish"). She's a nurse who nurses a few drinks too many when she gets home. Tommy only feels safe at home when he sleeps under his mother's bed and he can hear her breathing all night.

Tommy is on scholarship to a Catholic school, which his behavior puts him in constant jeopardy of losing. Pappass (Robin Williams) is a janitor at the school and lives a couple of houses down from Tommy. Pappass also endures a parent, his father, who puts Pappass down after he's had a few beers. Pappass gets through life with a below average IQ. There's a scene near the end of the film that is surprisingly moving in which Pappass recounts the changes in his medical diagnoses over the years. After school both Tommy and Pappass (who Tommy teasingly calls 'Pap ass' at times) work at the neighborhood meat market, where they make home deliveries. They are a trustworthy team, as we watch them take only the money owed from an obviously full brown paper bag of a blind old woman that they deliver to regularly. Also on their route is the upscale apartment of the first love of Tommy's life, Melissa (Zelda Williams), who leaves him nearly speechless at school.



These two guys have a plan to save their tips so that they can make some of their dreams a reality. They hide the stash on the grounds of the Greenwich Village Women's House of Detention (hence, House of D). A few stories up, an inmate known as Lady Bernadette (Erykah Badu) leans forward through the bars of

her tower-like cell and becomes an unlikely arbiter of some good advice to Tommy in troubling times for him. She speaks to him in a down to earth tone, not at all like you'd expect an angel to do...but nonetheless.

Written and directed by Duchovny, this is his first feature-length film. It reminds us somewhat of "Levity," in that it has a strong cast and good story, but somehow does not connect with the strength that you would expect. Die-hard fans of Robin Williams, Tea Leoni or Duchovny will like the film, but others will want a little more. This experience along with what he learned from directing a few episodes of TV's "The X-Files," in which he starred, future pictures should only improve. It's also a family affair with Leoni (Duchovny's wife) and Williams' daughter Zelda as young Tommy's first love.

Go back to move ahead

Possibly what the film best illustrates is that life can be fun, frustrating and interesting. We also often don't recognize where our good may come from. To stand outside the box of life and look inside is a valuable skill. Maybe it's that "X File" thing that some have and some don't. We plead guilty as charged.



House of D

Review by
Pam & George O. Singleton
at InfoReelMovieCritic.com

Cast

Tea Leoni
Mrs. Warshaw
David Duchovny
Tom Warshaw
Robin Williams
Pappass
Erykah Badu
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3:30 6:15 9:30; SAT & SUN MATINEE 12:30

THE AMITYVILLE HORROR (R)
5:15 8:00 10:10; SAT & SUN MATINEE 2:15



Set in New York City and Africa, this thriller does a great job of moving you to the edge of your seat. Nicole Kidman stars as Silvia Broome, an interpreter at the United Nations, who overhears a whispered conversation, via an open microphone, about an assassination plot on President Zuwanie, an African head of state, and the conspirators catch a glimpse of her in her cubicle above the darkened assembly floor. Sean Penn is FBI agent Tobin Keller, who is assigned to investigate her allegations.

The film opens with a chilling scene of deception and death in an isolated and dusty African outback, which proves to be a deadly trap for a journalist and a politician covering a Rwanda-like war in the fictional African nation of Matobo. The two men are intimately linked to Silvia. One is her brother and the other her former lover, Xola (Curtiss Cook of "Law & Order: Trial By Jury"), an activist and one of the leading candidates opposing Zuwanie for President.

At the UN Silvia is assigned to translate the language of Ku when President Zuwanie (Earl Cameron), the embattled leader of Matobo, her African homeland, addresses the assembly in an attempt to stave off being brought up on genocide charges before the International Criminal Court. Zuwanie is a despot, accused of ethnic cleansing and Silvia's motives are suspect for reporting the possible assassination because her family was killed by Zuwanie. Is she just trying to get attention about her plight and about him to the press? After attempts are made on Silvia's life, the likelihood of the plot is taken more seriously and

Keller is told to protect her.

Zuwanie has the appearance and demeanor of a benevolent dictator who has survived a nasty long-term civil war. His reputation, however, is on par with Idi Amin and although the US Government would prefer that he not visit the United States, the last thing they want is for him to be killed on American soil.

The head of security for Zuwanie is Nils Lud (Jesper Christensen of "Italian for Beginners"), Affable and ready to cooperate he appears to be a good guy patriot. With the elusive hit man Gamba (Byron Utley, last seen in "Malcolm X"), we know that something is going on beneath the surface of the assassination plot. The determined Gamba is at the killings in Africa, and later in NY he tries to kill Silvia. He reappears in the most thrilling scene of the movie, reminiscent of Denzel Washington's "The Siege," on a bus that is the target of a terrorist attack on the other leading Presidential Candidate, Kuman-Kuman (George Harris).

Adding some humor to the serious tone of the film is Keller's partner Dot (Catherine Keener of "The Ballad of Jack and Rose"). She has an off-handed way of looking at things and delivers zingers that are truly funny.

Silvia is a complex character, well played by Kidman. A white South African who espouses a liberal, non-violent point of view, we discover that she was not always so. Ultimately the film focuses on the emotion of forgiveness, which is easier said than done.

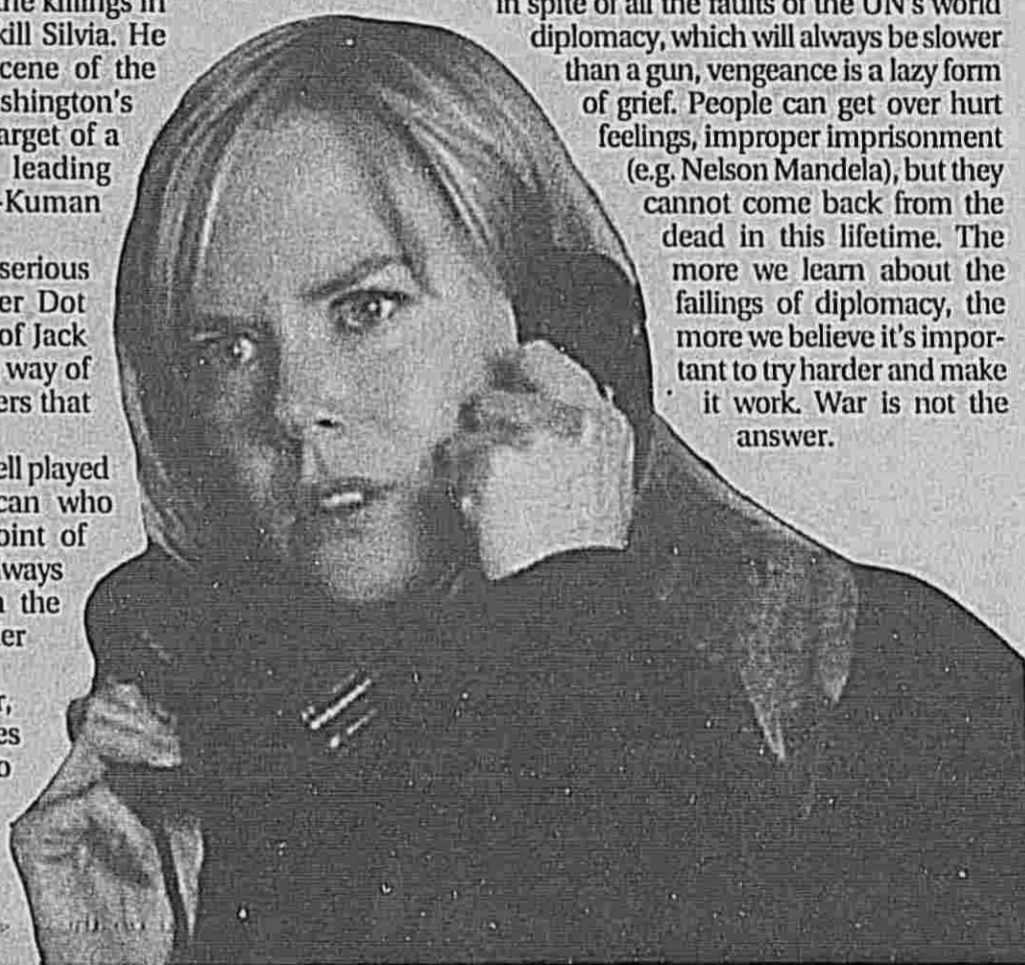
Penn's character, Tobin Keller, has a personal history that makes some of his intimate confessions to Kidman somewhat unrealistic regarding his wife. It seems that Pollack wanted to have the two lead characters consumed with

personal pain that needed to be dealt with. Then they could get over it and develop a budding romantic relationship. Fortunately, that was not pushed too far, but it made for an awkward situation that took away some of the film's intensity.

Oddly enough, the director Sydney Pollack, who also plays Keller's FBI boss, detracted from the chilling deliveries of his other cast members. He better fits into something like his tongue-in-cheek appearance in "Changing Lanes" than a taut thriller.

This is the first time that movie cameras have been allowed into the halls of the United Nations, where leaders from 191 countries try to make the world a more peaceful place. They believe that war is a last resort. The political view of the film is that

in spite of all the faults of the UN's world diplomacy, which will always be slower than a gun, vengeance is a lazy form of grief. People can get over hurt feelings, improper imprisonment (e.g. Nelson Mandela), but they cannot come back from the dead in this lifetime. The more we learn about the failings of diplomacy, the more we believe it's important to try harder and make it work. War is not the answer.



The Interpreter

Review by
Pam & George O. Singleton
at info@reelmoviecritic.com

Cast
Nicole Kidman
Silvia Broome
Sean Penn
Tobin Keller
Catherine Keener
Dot Woods
Earl Cameron
Zuwanie

Directed by Sydney Pollack. A drama/political thriller. Rated PG13 (for violence, some sexual content and strong language). Universal Pictures. Running time: 90 minutes.

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Badger High School student Malory Binn begins painting a papier mache bird head for Lake Geneva's second annual May Day Parade. The parade kicks off on Sunday, May 1 at Horticultural Hall and proceeds down Broad Street to Riviera Park.

Lake Geneva May Day Parade welcomes spring in whimsical fashion

Larger-than-life puppets, enormous masks symbolizing the richness of the season and more than 100 revelers donned in brightly colored ornate costumes are set to usher in spring at Lake Geneva's second annual May Day Parade on Sunday, May 1.

For months, local students, artists and volunteers have attended a weekly workshop at Lake Geneva High School to create puppets of all shapes and proportions from wood, wire and paper mache, the larger of which will serve as the centerpieces of this year's May Day parade. The parade kicks off at 2 p.m. at Horticultural Hall, 330 Broad Street, and culminates at Riviera Park where The Driehaus Family Fountain will be officially turned on, symbolizing the welcoming of spring.

According to event organizer Liz Haseley, there's more to the May Day Parade than creating a spring spectacle. "The parade and the workshops are a celebration of community spirit," said Haseley. "The event supports the growth of visual arts, music, cultural influences and is a celebration of our youth, their talent and the positive contributions both children and adults can bring to the creative process."

"So many different talents and people

have come together to work on one creative project," stressed Haseley. "Students, parents, grandparents, teachers and artists have all put in a lot of time and effort, and have reaped the rewards. This is a special community and we hope the May Day parade will serve as a catalyst for community spirit. It's been a great deal of fun for all involved."

The theme of the parade will be the environment of Lake Geneva, which will be conveyed in part by puppets and masks depicting animals, plants and flowers that are indigenous to the area. A number of oversized puppets will be featured in the parade including a 9 foot tall tree and a puppet entitled Lady of the Lake, symbolizing the water and spirit of the community.

Following the parade, the Riviera Ballroom will play host to storytelling, jazz music and interpretive dance performances.

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ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Some people will not like what you plan to do this week, Aries, and will be quite vocal about it. Don't let it worry you because these people don't have the power to stop you.



LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Even though you have a lot on your plate, don't say "I can't" when someone is ready to tack on more work this week, Libra. You can handle it if you put your mind to it.



TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

There is no point pushing yourself beyond your natural limits, Taurus. How productive will you be if you injure yourself or get exhausted? There is no one keeping score.



SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Your attitude is negative, Scorpio. You must figure out what is bringing you down and put a stop to these feelings. Trust that everything will work out for the best.



GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

Like many people, you have doubts from time to time. This week, you are feeling very vulnerable. Rest assured that you'll pull through and tackle this mountain of feelings.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

If you want an endeavor you've been planning to be a success, you are going to need help in the finance department, Sagittarius. Look to Leo for guidance.



CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

If someone in a position of authority is critical of your work this week, don't let it get to you, Cancer. He may be secretly envious of your talent and not one to mind anyway.



CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Someone you are close to will change his or her plans at the last minute. To say the least, you won't be happy about it, but realize that you must deal with the situation anyway.



LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Try to see the humor in this week's events, Leo. Even if things don't seem a laughing matter, make the best of the situation. Friends will think you a little nutty, though.



AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Don't expect a straight answer to a simple question from someone this week, Aquarius. It's not likely you'll get one. This person will be very evasive instead.



VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Make a conscious effort to be more grounded this week, Virgo. Lately you've had your head in the clouds and that is no way to make it through your daily activities.



PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

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SNAP SHOTS

Your thoughts on this week's hot topic

"How are you coping with the fluctuating spring weather?"



KAREN GERLI
Hawthorn Woods

"You just have to always be prepared. I'm a seasoned softball mom."



DAVE MOHR
Libertyville

"I was ready for spring when it hit 80 degrees but then it hit 30 degrees. The weather's been fun. It's been different."



CRYSTAL MILAZZO
Mundelein

"I don't pack away my winter cloths until at least the middle of May."



STEPHEN THOMAS
Wadsworth

"I feel like I'm used to it because all of the (tennis) practice in March."



PAULA TRIGG
Waukegan

"I don't pack my winter coat away, and I get my spring coat out."



BARBARA BACH
Waukegan

"Exercise and eat right. If the weather's bad, you exercise."

Taking the plunge

Skydivers take the leap for a purpose

By Kyle Schmitt

Staff Reporter

Jennifer Thomlison has jumped out of helicopters, hot air balloons and a C-130 military aircraft traveling at a speed faster than terminal velocity. This summer, she takes the ultimate skydiving plunge for a cause that could hardly be more personal.

Traveling with Lorie Koop of Spring Grove and another other friend from Wisconsin, Thomlison will attempt to help set a world record at Jump for the Cause 2005. The Lake Villa resident joins a group of 150 women assembled from throughout the world by invitation, and is already raising money for breast cancer research by gaining donations.

"I'm scared to death, but I'm so excited," she said. "I've never done a formation that huge."

Friends and co-workers have offered great support for an endeavor that scares many of them as well, Thomlison said.

"Most of them are excited and they want to know what's next," she said. "Most of them think I'm crazy, but they want to see what I do next."



Jen Thomlison of Lake Villa is one of two area women who are going to jump out of a plane to help set a world record and raise money for breast cancer research.

Organizers hope to raise \$500,000 for City of Hope, a biomedical research, treatment and educational institution located in Duarte, California. The golden state jump takes place from Sept. 26 to Oct. 1, but Thomlison travels

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TAKING FLIGHT



Photo by Sandy Bressner

Eight-year-old Sergio Salazar runs with his kite during an extremely windy day at Belvidere Park in Waukegan. The event was part of the Illinois Parks and Recreation Department's Kites for Kids program.

Conference for troubled girls

By Nicholas Alajakis

Staff Reporter

There's been a trend in recent years involving troubled youth in Lake County. It's got nothing to do with actions of the youth or disciplinary repercussions. It's more of a demographic.

In recent years, young girls in Lake County and throughout the country have been facing more problematic issues, said Louise Loud, director of Lake County Juvenile Court Services.

While they are not at the level of their male counterparts, young girls have been in the court system more often.

Why? It varies, Loud said. But, juvenile services throughout the county are teaming up next week to help the girls with the second annual Girl Wise Conference.

The girl-exclusive conference will bring together young girls from throughout the county for a day of workshops, meetings and bonding.

Last year's conference, which attracted 80 girls, was successful, Loud said. The girls who participated said they enjoyed the hours spent together, and many said they got something out of the experience.

And it wasn't just troubled girls, Loud added. Girls across the spectrum participated and are welcome to participate again.

What Loud and others hope the girls that gather is a better understanding that they are not alone in many of the concerns and problems they are having. Working with others helps girls feel like someone understands them, Loud added.

Workshops will work on issues of self-esteem, maintaining healthy lifestyles, dealing with relationships, focusing on the future and extra curricular activities, among other things, Loud said.

It seems a lot of girls had issues dealing with relationships, Loud said. How they dealt with them many times led to the decisions

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(Above) Former Lake County board member Bob Depke (center left) and current Lake County Board member Pam Newton (Dist. 18) (center) greet Gerald Kovarik, from Gurnee, and Gurnee mayor-elect Kristina Kovarik, at Lake County Republican Federation meeting at the Marriot Lincolnshire Resort. (Right) Ron Gidwitz (far right), Chicago Businessman running for Governor of Illinois, talks with Gary and Jeannie Bayer, from Lake Forest.

Photos by John Dickson



(Left) Jeff Berman, Buffalo Grove Village trustee (left), chats with Vernon Hills Mayor Roger Byrne.

(Below) Congressman Mark Kirk (R-Fort Sheridan), speaks to the audience at the Lake County Republican Federation meeting, explaining how the Iraqi woman, her finger stained purple signifying that she voted, symbolized success in Iraq.



AROUND THE COUNTY

Mini-medical school

Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science invites the public to its campus for its first-ever Mini Medical School series, on May 3, 10, 17 and 24, from 7 to 9 p.m. each evening. The program is free, and the only prerequisite is a sense of curiosity about how the human body works and about being your own best advocate when it comes to your health.

Become a "student" in the month of May and learn from the University's expert faculty as they present updates on timely medical topics selected by the community, including diabetes, diet, exercise, preventive medicine, women's health, high blood pressure and heart disease. The Mini Medical School will be at the Rosalind Franklin University campus, located at 3333 Green Bay Road, in North Chicago. All classes will take place in the Health Sciences Building, room 1710. Parking is free, and snacks will be provided.

Advance registration is required, and participants are welcome to attend as many or as few sessions as they like. To register, or for more information, call 847-578-3341 or e-mail elsa.kurien@rosalindfranklin.edu. Visit www.rosalindfranklin.edu for program details.

Bilingual volunteers needed

A Safe Place needs bilingual volunteers to assist in the comprehensive service provision for the the nonprofit agency serving victims of domestic violence in the Lake County area. Trained volunteers are needed in several program areas including court advocacy, the 24-hour help line, community education and materials translations.

The next session of volunteer training is scheduled in May at the College of Lake County. Sessions will be on May 11-13 and 16-17, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call V Stefanie Boyce at 847-249-5147 to register, or visit www.asafeplaceforhelp.org to learn about volunteering at A Safe Place and to download an application.

FNBEQ safety program

First National Bank-Employee Owned (FNBEQ) will be hosting a Drivers Safety Program at its Antioch facility on May 23-24.

The program, which is sponsored by AARP, is designed for individuals ages 50 and over and traffic violators who are required to take a drivers safety course. This two-day course will run from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. each day. Cost is \$10; interested individuals can register at the FNBEQ, 485 Lake Street, Antioch. For more information, call Kathy Nixon, FNBEQ activities coordinator at 847-838-2265.

5K run/walk for cancer

The Cancer Wellness Center of Northbrook is sponsoring its first "Stepping Up To Wellness" 5K Run/Walk on May 1, at 9 a.m., at Independence Grove, Libertyville. There also will be a 1-mile Family Walk honoring the life of Marcia Slotky featuring Benny the Bull and a DJ beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Entry for the Run/Walk is \$25 for individuals; \$50 for the Family Walk, up to six people. On-site registration at 8 a.m., May 1 is \$30 for the Run/Walk and \$60 for the Family Walk, up to six people.

For registration, to form a team, visit www.cancerwellness.org. Registration also can be completed at Running Right, 1770 First Street, Highland Park, which will take inquiries at 847-432-2884. Volunteers are needed in many capacities to assist on May 1 and may sign up by calling the Cancer Wellness Center at 847-509-9595.

Grant for Nicasa

The Lake County Community Foundation has awarded a \$10,000 grant to Nicasa for support of the not-for-profit agency's after-school enrichment program. Nicasa, one of the largest substance abuse prevention and treatment agencies in Illinois, was founded in 1966 and is headquartered in Round Lake. The agency also operates a gambling interventions component for problem gamblers and provides an array of violence prevention, parent training and school-based programs.

In addition to Round Lake, program facilities are in Waukegan and Buffalo Grove. Nicasa operates the Women's Services Center in North Chicago and Bridge House, a Waukegan-based residential facility for men and women recovering from alcoholism and other drug addictions.

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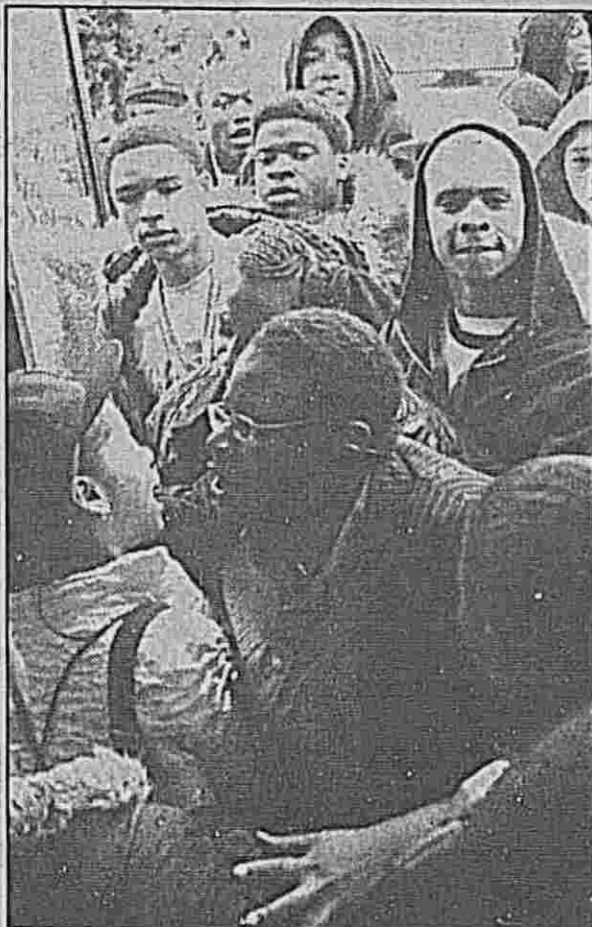


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Pepper spray used to break up CLC fight

By Marc Jenkins
Managing Editor

Hundreds of teenagers who came to the College of Lake County to learn about how to break into the entertainment industry were sent home early after a fight between rival high schools erupted at lunch.

Students from area high schools, including those from Waukegan and North Chicago, came to the Grayslake community college P.E. Center on April 22 for the

(Left) Felicia Ganther (center), director of student activities at the College of Lake County, attempts to hold back North Chicago students, who tried to reenter the gym after being removed due to a fight with Waukegan students.

Utopia Entertainment Conference.

Now in its fifth year, the conference brings major players in entertainment to give students a first-hand look at the realities of the industry.

But during lunch, the event took an unexpected turn for the worse.

According to police and witnesses on scene, two high school girls from North Chicago Community High School began fighting which was then exacerbated by a Waukegan student, who allegedly hurled a pop can into the melee.

A full-on fight between about 30-40 students erupted, authorities said, and didn't break up until police from four different departments arrived on the scene.

"There were about 300 kids, but much fewer were involved," said Grayslake Police Cmdr. Matt McCutcheon. "We took two girls into custody and another two students were treated at the scene after being sprayed with (oleoresin capsicum) OC spray."

The names of the two girls—both juve-

niles—were not released by police. Both were charged with battery on a police officer and resisting arrest.

Police cordoned off the students, keeping Waukegan students in the gym while North Chicago students remained outside. More pushing and shoving ensued when students tried to come back in out of the rain and cold.

Felicia Ganther, CLC director of student activities, was caught in the middle of the shoving. "I'm happy no one was hurt," Ganther said. "We've had even more students from these schools here in the past and nothing has happened."

CLC's Latino Alliance, Black Student Union and Phi Theta Kappa groups had raised much of the money needed to put on the program.

No plans were set to either reschedule the conference—unlikely due to the schedules of speakers—or whether there will be changes to the program for next year.

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High tech 'world' created at CLC

College of Lake County's new Technology Building stands as both a milestone and a stepping stone. The three story \$36.4 million structure fulfills a long-standing commitment to offer students and employers a model facility for career education. With 18 "smart classrooms" wired for Internet and computer-projection teaching stations, the new facility vaults CLC into the forefront of technology.

Lake County's business community is hungry for skilled technical workers. The Technology Building, more than 10 years in the making, aims to do its part in satisfying that appetite. There will be programs for refrigeration and air conditioning, automotive technology, computer-assisted design and drafting, computerized numerical control programming, electronic/electrical technology, accounting, computer information systems and administrative office systems.

The new "tech home" houses CLC's business and engineering, and math and physical science divisions. It is symbolic that paving the way for the new building included provisions to demolish three 30-plus-year-old "temporary" buildings.

The fact that the new building contains 454 miles of technology cable dramatizes how science has taken hold of the educational process.

The new building also accomplishes the importance of bringing together related technologies as is required to make today's workplace "work."

A vast majority of Lake County residents who support CLC with their tax dollars and good will will never set foot in the new tech center. They may be interested to know that the building was designed to create a sense that individuals are "inside a machine and have the feeling that something pleasantly technological surrounds you."

Warm the new tech building is, but fuzzy it is not. Technology drives the world in which we live. The new building will make sure we're moving along at a brisk pace.

Feeding the birds 'for the birds'

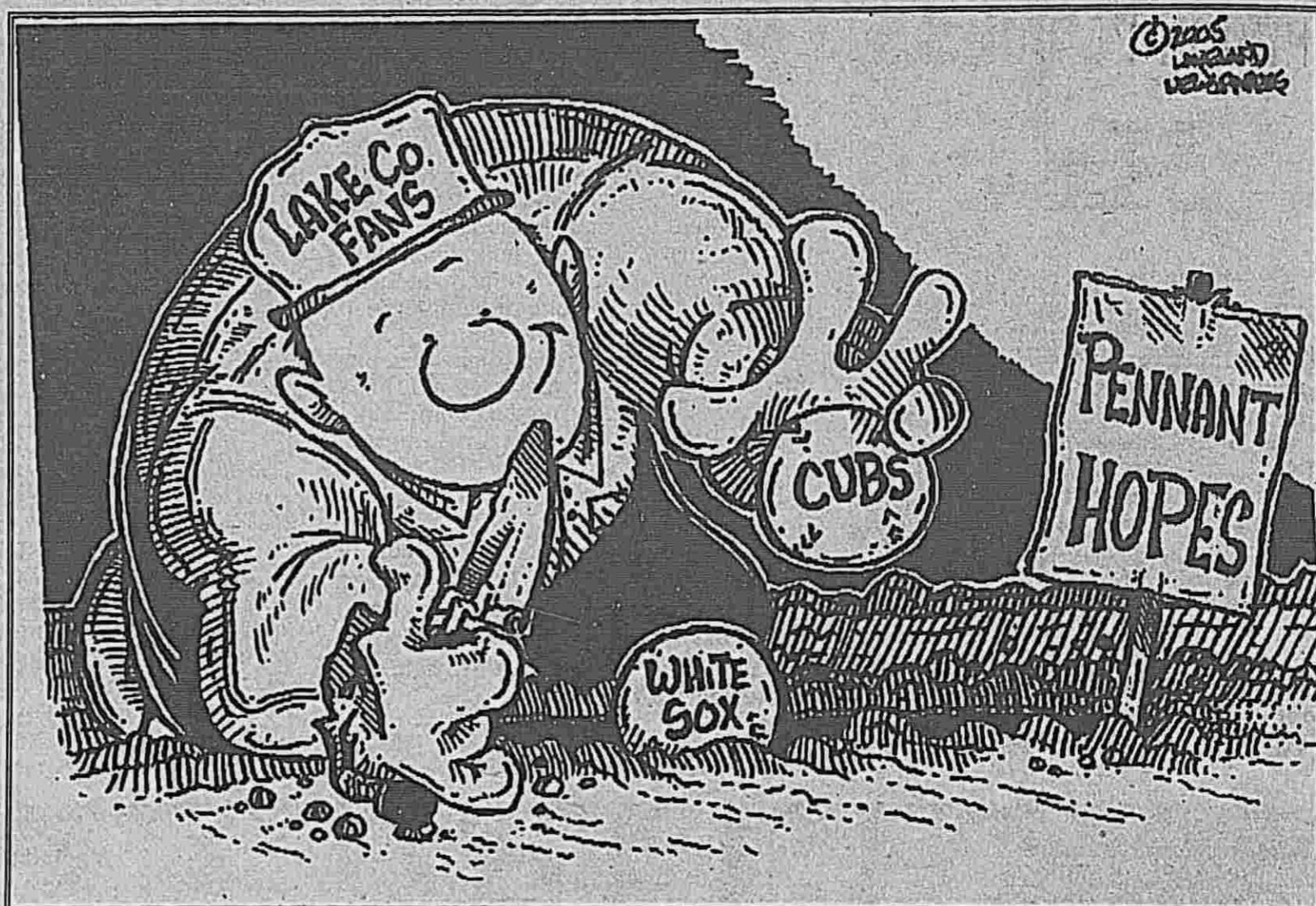
Long before she became a celebrity for illegally feeding birds, Naomi Mitchell was locally known as a protector and savior of wounded wildlife. In her more anonymous days, Mitchell, 77, also had a penchant for tilting at windmills or at least possessing the gumption to take on the dictates of senseless bureaucracy involved with zoning and land use policy.

As a benefactor of birds, though, the retired school teacher has come into her own, gaining newspaper headlines and spots on the nightly television news for the heinous crime—take a breath—of feeding birds illegally. Mind you, this isn't sprinkling a bit of seed in a feeder for song birds. These are big birds as in ducks, geese and swans.

Because those larger birds have proportionate size droppings, more and more municipalities have adopted ordinances prohibiting the feeding of migratory birds. Mitchell's fondness for birds has run afoul (ahem) of a Fox Lake ordinance. The ordinances are bound in reality, namely, that the feathered friends tend to stick around while developing a fondness for free handouts and when they stick around they leave droppings, usually in prodigious amounts. The piles of poop are health hazards, contaminating water and spreading disease.

In the division between bird lovers and backers of community sanitation, clashes are inevitable. In a current joust with authorities, Mitchell was assessed a \$25 fine. The ordinance provides for a possible jail sentence, but that won't be part of her punishment for trying to be kind to wildlife.

Is a fine and possible jail time worth a desire to be kind to creatures while at the same time thumbing your nose at officialdom? We don't think so. There is an easy solution to Mitchell's case. Let nature take its course. By this we mean stop feeding the periods. Period. They're pretty smart creatures. They'll get the message in a hurry when the food supply runs out. That's what naturalists recommend and we're told it works every time. There are plenty of places (they're called habitats) where bird lovers can direct their energies to make life easier for some of God's creatures without breaking the law.



VIEWPOINT

Competition heats up for farmers markets



Bill Schroeder

Publisher

When it comes to farmers market competition, two communities are going at it with no holds barred fervor. The outdoor fruits and vegetables bazaars return for the 2005 season in about six weeks, but planning and strategizing has been going on for many months.

The gauntlet for supremacy was laid down when North Shore magazine declared the Deerfield Farmers Market "best in Lake County." Grayslake Farmers Market organizers responded with a primeval scream, "No way!"

Nearly a dozen markets will be operated in Lake County this summer, but only Grayslake and Deerfield have carried the combined shopping and social events to the equivalent of an open air supermarket. The organizers will agree on only one thing: that each market showcases the wares of 20 regular vendors. After that it's "off with the gloves and roll up the sleeves."

Libertyville presents an inviting line-up of vegetable and fruits sellers in a Thursday morning market that has been a downtown staple for more than 10 years. After that the markets fall quickly into the "pretender's, but not contenders" class. Highland Park offers a handful of vendors for a weekly market. Wauconda launched an evening market last year. Gurnee is working to become a player in farmers market competition. Lake Bluff's village green is the site of a weekly market that draws regulars. Vernon Hills is trying to establish a Wednesday morning event, but a parking lot site is considered unattractive. Lincolnshire is working to get a toe-hold with a Saturday morning

market.

The problem with market start ups is that there are more venues than vendors. Produce growers can be in only so many places each week. Some of them come from great distances to sell direct to homemakers.

To capture the distinction of No. 1 farmers market, Grayslake has adopted a "show biz" outlook to provide shoppers with a variety of attractions besides juicy ripe tomatoes and succulent sweet corn. Pam Navarre, the Grayslake Farmers Market impresario, described the script as products and entertainment that entice you to "come early and stay late."

So Grayslake market shoppers this summer will find a combination of live entertainment, food court, craft stands, music, flowers, home needs, exhibits, youth activities and, of course, eye-popping vegetables and fruit fit for royalty. Navarre said the market runs from 3 to 7 p.m. which is ideal to serve working women. Guys aren't excluded, to be sure, but farmers markets tend to appeal to women. The Grayslake Farmers Market, Navarre emphasized, also will be distinctive for theme days.

One of Lake County's links with an agricultural past, roadside vegetable stands, have all but disappeared. The stands have been replaced by farmers markets—in a big way.

Unfailing media

True to form, the main stream media has been belaboring the public with stories about the "Panzer Priest" and ex-Hitler youth ascending to the papacy with the election of a German cardinal as Pope Benedict. No doubt the slurs would also have been flying

with the selection of an Italian or another Pole to the Papacy. Considering media bias and world-wide political correctness, how would an African Pope or a Hispanic Pope be greeted? Thank the College of Cardinals for sparing the world stage of dealing with an "imperial," power-hungry, war-mongering and corporation-loving American Pope.

Bird business

Great Lakes Naval Training Station is one of the IBA (Important Bird Areas) in Illinois. The Naval Station is a nesting site for common terns, an endangered species in Illinois. With cooperation between Dept. of Natural Resources and the Navy, a grant was secured to erect an electric fence to keep preda-

tors out. Volunteers cleared invasive plants and moved sand to hold back rising water levels along Lake Michigan. Naturalists say the common tern has a strong hold in Illinois. There are approximately 50 IBA areas in the state.

Sensible cooking

Howard Bieze would like someone to perfect a "smart stove." The stove would shut down automatically when unattended. "Firemen like the idea, especially for senior citizens and prevention of kitchen fires," declared Bieze, who said he'll gladly accept a 10 percent finder's fee for anyone bringing the smart stove to market.

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Make-over might alter views on Judy

A growing number of Republicans wonder what happened to the bid of Illinois Treasurer **Judy Barr Topinka** to obtain her party's nomination for governor in the 2006 election?

The stock of Topinka, the face and spirit of the GOP following the debacle of the **George Ryan** administration coupled with the election of the first Democrat governor in 27 years, has dropped faster than the thermometer with a nasty west wind blowing away balmy spring temperatures in April.

At a straw poll taken earlier this month in the North Shore's 10th District after a meeting showcasing aspirants for governor, Topinka finished a dismal sixth, only .4 of a percent ahead of party insider **Ron Gidwitz**, a respected GOP leader in Cook County, but a no name elsewhere who garnered one percent.

The meeting was sponsored by the Women's Republican Club of the 10th Congressional District. That might well be an indicator why Topinka showed poorly. The vivacious redhead with **Mary Tyler Moore** perkiness and energy doesn't connect with enough female Republicans. A state representative and a state senator before becoming the only state-wide Republican official, Topinka is seen as undignified by some distaff voters. A female Republican put it this way: "Judy could use a make-over."

Judy Barr's breezy manner on the campaign trail, punctuated by her bristling car-



Topinka: See new look, helping chances in gov's race.



Frayer: Next two years to be lively, trustee vows

rot-top hairdo and trademark colorful scarfs, is a turn-off for many women looking for charm and quiet dignity in female political figures. Maybe **Laura Bush**. Or **Kay Bailey Hutchinson**. Or the late U.S. Rep. **Marguerite Stitt Church**, who helped found the club in 1950. Topinka declined to attend the 10th District gathering held in Northbrook.

Approximately half of the strawpoll voters divided their support between Congressman **Ray LaHood** and businessman **Jim Oberwels**, with LaHood getting a slight edge. Middle tier results bracketed **Bill Brady**, **Pat O'Malley**, **Joe Birkett** and **Steve Rauschenberger**.

Gets new position

Once looked upon as an up and coming

figure in Democratic politics, **Lance Pressl** has solidified his position in the public policy field as the new president of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce Foundation. Pressl ran unsuccessfully against former Republican Congressman **Phil Crane**. Pressl previously was a senior associate for public and government affairs at the American Council on Education in Washington, D.C.

Election aftermath

Lake Villa Trustee **Joyce Frayer** hasn't closed the book on her unsuccessful candidacy for mayor in the April 5 election. Frayer has accepted defeat, but she produced a document to record what she calls "pressure and intimidation" brought by brothers and prominent businessmen **Ted and Fred Nielsen**. Frayer has two years to serve on her current term which she indicated, in part, will be devoted to rooting out Nielsen motives. Frayer has been at odds with the brothers over their plans to develop the former Central Baptist Children's Home, Rte. 83. Ted Nielsen is a former mayor of Lake Villa.

Back to the future

Antioch voters changed mayors, but rough and tumble politics hasn't gone out of style. Mayor-elect **Dorothy Larson** fired Village Administrator **Alan Probst** before even being sworn in, prompting

outgoing Mayor **Taso Maravellas** to bemoan the return of "good old boys" government. Maravellas was referring to Larson's choice, **Mike Haley**, as a replacement for Probst. Haley, a former mayor, served as administrator for Maravellas until a falling out.

Bigger 'better'

Wadsworth Mayor **Ken Furlan** has voiced the need to avoid being steamrolled by the county and the villages of Antioch and Old Mill Creek for high density housing in the Rte. 173 corridor. Wadsworth has been holding out for five-acre parcels, but Furlan admitted that "five acres isn't going to go." Wadsworth officials cite present practice as setting the standard for larger parcels. Elected officials are attempting to work out an inter-government agreement on residential density in the area between the Tri-State Tollway and Antioch.

Return of the beetles

Wauconda Trustee **Paul Bird** said introducing plant eating beetles for weed control in Bang's Lake worked well enough last year to try again. "Batling beetles" was a tactic employed in 2004 by the Bang's Lake Management Committee to combat growth of purple loosestrife, an obnoxious weed that is creating problems in most of Lake County's recreational lakes.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Leftists ignorant of constitution checks, balances

As a former hard leftist, I attribute the vast majority of leftist ideology and politics either to sheer ignorance of the truth or to intellectual dishonesty and lazy thinking resulting in blind, and sometimes rabid, partisanship.

The biased and dying main stream media dinosaurs and multi-billion dollar "non-partisan" foundations and "think-tanks" disseminate flawed, filtered and massaged data to their leftist apparatchiks through various "studies," polls, reports and web sites. This flawed and biased information is then turned into political rhetoric which self-perpetuates as a theme throughout the information channels; most people simply don't question the authority or the validity of the message, they just follow the instruction if it falls within their own agenda.

An example of such is two letters (Silencing minority and GOP over-reaching) printed April 8-14, that contained the almost the exact same rhetoric and ill-informed points which could probably be attributed to some sort of mass email belched out from one or another leftist web site, most likely in the pocket of ultra-rich socialist billionaire, George Soros.

Both authors use very much the same, tired, 60s style rhetoric that has taken the serious discussion of issues absolutely nowhere. We are to believe that "Corporate Controlled Radical Republicans" are on a mad, Nazi-style power grab what they are doing is somehow contrary to the principles of our republic. A quick look at the truth is in order.

1) The constitutional role of the Senate in the confirmation of federal judges is advise and consent, not eternal delay by filibuster, of the vote. The Senate is supposed to come out with a yes or no vote with a reasonable amount of debate.

2) The first filibuster of a judicial nominee occurred in 1968 to a Johnson appointee to the Supreme Court. This action was denounced by the left which was correct to oppose such an extra-Constitutional requirement for the confirmation of any judicial nominee.

Aiding mental health

As a lifelong advocate of those who wage a daily battle their own mental health, it's good to see the state legislature focus some of their efforts to help the mentally ill.

With the support of their chief sponsor Representative Churchill, two bills sailed out of the State Legislature aiding the fight for mental health. These pieces of legislation would both strengthen the health care provided to the mentally ill and substance abusers.

One initiative creates a mechanism within the Department of Health and Human Services to aid those individuals who suffer from both substance abuse and mental illness. Currently, treatment is predominately offered for either one or the other, and not both. The other initiative expands the services provided by community health services and programs.

Ralph Coari
Lake Villa

Congestion solution

To foot the highway bill for this, go higher up in the "food chain," and place responsibility upon the root, ultimate cause of the overloaded traffic ways malady. Since, by and large, people have moved to, and live where they do, because of employment availability, index the tax revenue for these projected improvements to area businesses in propor-

tion to their size; i.e. draw the money from commerce that causes the congestion linked to the number of people its components employ on-site.

This way, the funding automatically would be generated from where adequate capital already resides. Further, the negative impact that the rejected proposal would have had upon lower-income individuals and families, this side effect would be effectively curtailed.

Mark Drobnik
Waukegan

OD'd on development

We have a serious addiction problem here in Lake County. No, I'm not referring to drug addiction, I'm referring to the addiction our politicians have to development. Yes, they will deny it. Many of our politicians tell us that they are against massive uncontrolled development but, unfortunately, they are denying it only to fool us into voting for them. All you have to do is look around. I would say that there is not a single place in Lake County that is more than 10 minutes away from a major development.

I was happy to see that people are getting wise to our politicians by the results of our last election. People are finally starting to say NO, to their requests to feed their addiction by not giving them any more of our money.

I am not pleased to be stuck in our horri-

3) The founders never ever intended for a super majority (60 votes) requirement for the appointment of judges by the President. The Constitution simply does not provide that a super-majority be required to endorse nominees for positions in the federal judiciary.

4) The structure and history of the Constitution confirm the majority's right to amend and make the Senate rules. The Constitution in article I, section 5, says that each House shall determine the rules of its proceedings. The Senate can thereby exercise its full constitutional authority to fashion rules of procedure.

5) It seems that Senator Robert Byrd opposes the idea that the Senate should ACTUALLY FOLLOW the constitution and yet he himself has invoked the constitutionally provided, mis-named "nuclear option."

6) Our system of checks and balances does not mean that the judiciary create law from the bench, as so many leftist judges have been doing lately. The so-called "radical right-wing judges" that have been nominated by the President are in fact, strict constructionists; in other words they will ACTUALLY FOLLOW what the Constitution says and will rule their cases accordingly. This is truly checks and balances at work. Judges that create law from the bench that run contrary to legislators and the voting public are the true destructors of the system of checks and balances.

Complaints against the government are a long standing and valued tradition in this country and we cheapen and degrade that cherished right by voicing ignorant, disingenuous or rabidly partisan arguments. Opposition for the sake of opposition is not a virtue.

Old, tired, uninformed 60's style rhetoric is what has kicked the Democrats out of power for these past few election cycles. If the disingenuous and dishonest blather continues it will ensure center-right victories for decades.

Jim Klosinski
Lake Villa

ble traffic nor am I happy to see our children sitting in overcrowded classrooms with many of the arts and physical education programs cut back. I do hope however that people will realize why these conditions exist; our politicians cannot say no to a development.

It seems that our politicians just don't understand that it is their support of uncontrolled development that is causing these problems. They thought all they had to do to solve the problems was to squeeze more money out of an already overtaxed constituency.

The county uses other means to develop individual lots in unincorporated areas that have previously been considered unbuildable. They have given the Health Department the ability to violate any septic field regulations they wish to by providing contractors and developers with variances to the regulations. By doing this they can squeeze a house into the smallest of lots with no regard to the effect on neighboring property. To make matters worse, all this is done in secrecy. The Health Department is not required to inform affected property owners of any proposed variance.

Norm Janowicz
Spring Grove

Lots of baskets

This year our group faced a severe shortage of items to make the usual Easter Baskets for Kids Hope United. A typical year sees us delivering 200-300 baskets to the foster chil-

dren that this organization serves throughout Lake County.

Through the local newspapers and with drop boxes we set out to hopefully manage the delivery of just a few baskets; never expecting to even accomplish what we did in former years. Several organizations and individuals stepped forward with donations and money to accomplish our goal. In fact they were so generous we delivered over 1,200 Easter Baskets which required a 24 foot moving van.

The joy on the faces of those located at Kids Hope United let us know our prayers were answered. We would like to thank the following for their donations of money, air time, pre-made baskets, basket stuffers, or time helping to make the Easter Baskets: Reed Ano, Paris Presents, Antioch American Legion, Antioch VFW, Antioch Jaycees, Beautiful Savior Church, Thrivent Invest Firm for Lutherans, Lake Shore Storage in Antioch, St. Gilbert Junior Youth Group, Girl Scout Troop 819, Elizabeth Dembenski, First National Bank Employee Owned of Antioch, Jelly Belly, Ann Stapleton, WKRS. Additionally we would like to thank all the very generous individuals who made donations to the drop-off boxes.

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Public Services

Jeneen Smith-Underwood truly believes in giving first-time homeowners an opportunity to purchase a home. In her role of Neighborhood Services Coordinator she has successfully developed a program to acquire, rehabilitate and sell vacant homes to create affordable housing for lower income households. The Home Acquisition and Rehabilitation Program has won three awards since it was introduced in 2001.

Smith-Underwood has received a Distinguished Alumni Award from National-Louis University for Community Leadership, and is a mentor for a 13 year-old girl as well as a volunteer speaker for Positive Alternative Student Services.



JOYCE CAMPBELL
Community Volunteer

Campbell is a compassionate and hard-working individual who lives by the philosophy: "We can't change the world, but we can change the world we live in." She continually looks for opportunities to make the lives of the people around her better. She pioneered the physician's assistant program in Illinois and left medicine to become a State Farm Insurance Agent in 1989 in Grayslake.

Community Service is most rewarding to Campbell. She established a Christmas program for poor families in the Grayslake area, received the Distinguished Service Award given to an Exchangeite and served on the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors of Lake County.



TIFFANY DRAKE
Promise Award

Drake is a student intervention coordinator leading the Peer Mediation Program which uses trained student mediators in the resolution of student conflicts at Woodland Middle School in Gurnee. In establishing this program, she has provided meaningful direction during the tumultuous years of adolescence. Drake's students have participated in "Make a Difference Day," which provides assistance in yard work for the elderly and in various community activities such as making and selling of holiday gifts to aid the less fortunate and raising money for various charitable events.



SHIVANI PATEL
Scholarship

Patel, of Mundelein, will receive the Young Woman of Achievement Scholarship Award. Shivani states "I am my dad's first and only chance at the degree he never had." With that sentence, this year's Young Woman of Achievement had the selection committee's attention. They found Patel to be a focused, mature giving student who has forbidden sad events to dissuade her from pursuing her dreams.

Patel plans to be a medical doctor or physician's assistant after completing her college years at University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. She researched various health care professions after an honors class in human anatomy and physiology during her junior year. Now a senior at Mundelein High School, she has continued her focus on classes that will prepare her for her chosen profession, choosing one that will even allow her to perform 40 hours of patient care. Once that class is completed, she will be taking the Illinois Certified Nurse Assistant exam. Her plan is to work in this field part-time while continuing her education at U of I.

Patel is a part of the volunteer program at Condell Hospital and also participates in Interact, which assists PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter), provides dinners for Senior Citizens, and brings a holiday cheer to disadvantaged families. Along with her volunteering, she finds the time to maintain a 4.25 average on a 4-point scale and is fourth in her class.

Women of achievement

YWCA to honor outstanding women in May ceremony

The YWCA Lake County will recognize 10 Lake County women for outstanding accomplishments at the 27th annual Women of Achievement Awards benefit "Make a Difference," on May 13, at Marriott's Lincolnshire Resort in Lincolnshire.

The winners were selected by a panel of judges composed of the following board members and community volunteers including: Judy Berlant of Berlant Builders; Helen Curtis of Furniture Distributor; Jane DeBaun of Kildeer Women's Club; Jennifer Grisamore of Discover Financial; Mary Leben Interiors by Decorating Den; Edie Newsom of the city of Waukegan; Donna Proske of Cardinal Health; Nora Sesin of HSBC; Cathy Slack of Edy's Ice Cream and John Wesley and Anise Wiley-Little of Allstate Insurance.

Nominations were received from organizations and individuals from throughout Lake County.

The winners and their areas of recognition are: Community Volunteer (2 winners)—Joyce Campbell of Grayslake, founder of the Grayslake Youth Center and Eunice Buhler of Lake Forest, founder and president of Cultures for Youth; Entrepreneur—Mary Lou Williamson of Antioch, president of Fewchoreforms, Inc.; Professions—Dr. Deborah Smart of Gurnee, vice president and medical director of, Trustmark Insurance; Promise Award—Tiffany Drake of Waukegan, Student Intervention Coordinator for Woodland School District 50; Public Service—Jeneen Smith-Underwood of Grayslake, Neighborhood Services Coordinator for the village of Round Lake Beach; Science and Technology—Dr. Carla Little of Gurnee, research scientist for the Illinois Department of Public Health; Through the Glass Ceiling Award—Dana I. Green of Evanston, general counsel and senior vice president of Walgreen Co.

The YWCA's Dr. Dorothy I. Height Racial Justice Award will be presented to Dr. Madeleine Shalowitz of Glencoe, the director of Child and Family Health for Evanston Northwestern Healthcare. The award is named after Congressional Gold Medal recipient Dr. Dorothy I. Height, as one of the preeminent social and civil rights activists of her time, particularly in the struggle for equality, social justice, and human rights for all peoples.

The Minnie J. Leggett Young Women of Achievement Scholarship Recipient is Shivani I. Patel, of Mundelein, a senior at Mundelein High School. This scholarship honors the memory of a former board member, who was not only an active YWCA board member but had also enjoyed a long association with YWCA as a Y-Teen. The \$1,000 scholarship provides financial opportunities for a high school senior girl who lives and attends school in Lake County and is college bound.

"We invite everyone in the community to be part of the success of the 2005 Women of Achievement Awards Benefit," said Susan Ewalt, YWCA president.

"By attending this event, you will honor outstanding women in our area and support the success of the YWCA Lake County which has advocated to improve the lives of local women and families through mission-based programs, serving 22,000 residents a year."

Corporate sponsors include: Allstate Insurance, Baxter International, Cardinal Health, Kraft Foods, Walgreens. The cost of the dinner is \$85 and reservations can be made by contacting the YWCA Lake County, at 847-662-4247, or visit www.ywcalakecounty.org for more information.

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Patrick A. Salvi, Michael P. Schostok and David J. Pritchard were recently featured in the May 2005 issues of *Chicago* magazine and *Illinois Super Lawyer* magazine for being among the best lawyers in the state.

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Racial justice award named in honor of activist

It was in 1937 that Dr. Dorothy Height joined the staff of the Harlem YWCA and began her struggle for equality and human rights. She rose quickly through the ranks and held several leadership positions. Her advocacy of improved conditions for black domestic workers led to her election to national office within the YWCA and to her involvement with the organization's integration policy.

Height, also worked to prevent lynching, desegregate the armed forces, reform the criminal justice system and create free access to public accommodations. Height is credited with developing the strategies to



HEIGHT

ensure the success of the YWCA's mission, the empowerment of women and girls and the elimination of racism, to provide equal opportunity and facilities for women of all cultures and nationalities.

On her 92nd birthday last year, she received the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor from President George W. Bush who declared that "She's told every president what she thinks since Dwight David Eisenhower."

Each year for the past 25 years the Racial Justice Award has been given to a woman in Lake County who has demonstrated a commitment to eliminating racism.

The 2005 YWCA of Lake County Women of Achievement Awards



**EUNICE
BUHLER**

Community Volunteer



**CARLA
LITTLE**

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Entrepreneur



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Racial Justice Award



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Glass Ceiling Award

Buhler is a high school junior at Lake Forest High School. "Her accomplishments are way beyond her years," said Mary Leben, Community Volunteer judge. She established a cultural enrichment program, "Cultures for Youth," a not-for-profit organization that educates youth about cultures, diversity and promotes tolerance.

The program has provided elementary school children with the opportunity of attending ethnic dance performances and learning of different cultural awareness presentations.

Nestle Corporation selected her in 2005 as one of the top 25 Best in Youth in the United States. A Fundraiser for UNICEF, Co-Founder of Tolerant Teens as well as participating in the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Walk since 1999, her leadership style is positive, enthusiastic, team-oriented, fair and focused.

Eunice continues to empower other young women by showing them that one person can make a difference as long as they take action.

Little obtained her Ph.D. from Purdue University as a Research Biologist. Little has continued in this field working for the Illinois Department of Public Health collaborating with Federal, State and local authorities in the field of infectious disease.

Little has been an active member of the Woodland District 50 School Board for seven years as well as facilitated professional development programs in science education for the 48 school districts in Lake County.

Little's work on the Woodland School Board, the Policy Committee, the Curriculum Committees, the Negotiating Team, the Leadership Committee and her work with the PTA represent the importance Little places on educating the next generation of scientists.

As an African-American as well as American Indian, Little understands racial issues and how they can impact women in her profession. Little is described as a humanitarian as well as a scientist.

In 2000, Williamson established Fewchoreforms, Inc., a consulting firm that helps entrepreneurs and small business owners develop skills in the areas of strategic thinking and business planning, sales and marketing skills development, leadership development and life balance.

Williamson is a member of several community groups such as Women in Networking, Women's Business Exchange and the Chamber of Commerce.

She also volunteers with the College of Lake County working within the Small Business Development department. Williamson is active in her church and chairs the Spiritual continuation committee and has also touched the lives of approximately 40 young people through the Rising Stars program which targets middle school and high school aged students and focuses on assisting them to develop positive self esteem through a successful goal plan and goal achievement capabilities.

Shalowitz works in the Lake County community to reduce health disparities and learn more of the biology, behavior and environment affecting children's health with special emphasis on low birth weights and their impact on African-American families, three-to-four year-old Mexican-American children and their development stage. She received funds for various studies including Asthma disparities. She also directs the Section for Children and Family Health Studies at Evanston Northwestern Healthcare that focuses on systematic, intergenerational effects of racism across generations, and their impact of health disparities within these groups.

Smart is a physician as well as a corporate executive. She is currently the Vice President and Medical Director of Trustmark Insurance.

As a physician in Detroit Mich., with an M.D. from Michigan State University, Smart made a life altering choice to use her skills as a physician in the corporate arena by accepting a position at Trustmark Insurance as a Vice President and Medical Director. While at Trustmark, she has been in charge of the Company's Case Management area and served as a leader/mentor for the department's nurses and support staff sharing with them her expertise in the field of medicine.

New this year, the YWCA has introduced the "Through the Glass Ceiling Award" to be presented to women within an organization who have not only broken through the glass ceiling but have also provided help and/or mentored other women on the way.

Green is the Senior Vice President - General Counsel, Corporate Secretary of Walgreens, a \$38 billion Fortune 50 company. She joined the company in 1974 as a law school graduate and pioneered a belief that a strong and diverse employee base is the right thing to do. Today, Walgreens has women and minorities who have management positions throughout the store and corporate level.

YMCA brings back holiday for weekend celebration

Fat Tuesday is more than two months past, but the Lake County Family YMCA is planning to extend the party well past lent.

Mardi Gras will return to the county April 29, courtesy of the YMCA and with the help of American Hotel Register in Vernon Hills. The 16th annual Lake County Family YMCA Dinner/Auction, benefiting the organization's scholarship fund, will kick off that Saturday evening at the Vernon Hills hotel, 100 S. Milwaukee Ave.

"It's coming together wonderfully. It's going to be an exciting evening," Dave Hayward, president and CEO of the county YMCA, said.

This year's event will include a full dinner of Cajun and Creole cuisine, silent and live auctions and live music provided by MOJO and the Bayou Gypsies, an Illinois-based Cajun band whose charity work has garnered them national recognition.

"It's a great group, they're very active around the country," Hayward said. "They do a lot of events for organizations such as the YMCA."

Charity is the goal for the evening. Or, at least, raising money for some charitable work. Every penny of the \$100 per-person evening will go to the YMCA's scholarship fund, Hayward said.

That fund provides financial assistance for people who would not have otherwise been able to afford programs the organization offers.

"We have a financial assistance program in place that (allows) an individual to come to us with either financial issues or personal problems," Hayward explained. "These funds provide an opportunity for those individuals who can not afford our services" to get some assistance.

Last year's evening netted \$32,000, the YMCA president said. With the 16th annual event, the organization is gunning for \$40,000.

That much money could go to help a lot of people in need. Between a slowly recovering economy and increased costs of living and health care, there's much more of a local need than one might think, Hayward said.

"You'd be amazed at the need in Lake County. Not only in communities such as Waukegan but even in communities of affluence," he said. "There are a lot of families out there who are in great need for major medical expenses, death in the family, loss of job, a variety of things."

"We view our role as to ensure a sense of strength to the individual and to the family that even in difficult times there is someplace that they can go."

For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact either the Lake County Family YMCA Corporate office, 2000 Western, Waukegan at 847-360-9622; or Central Office, 700 Lakeview Parkway, Vernon Hills at 847-367-6797.

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Esther L. Schroeder (nee Frend)

Age 80, a resident of Grayslake since 1950 passed away April 19, 2005 after a short illness. She was born Feb. 12, 1925 in New York, NY to the late George and Esther Frend. Esther was raised on the south side of Chicago where she met her late husband Edwin. She was always very active in the arts and different civic organizations. Esther was a strong proponent of civil rights and in 1965 marched in Alabama. She was also Edwin's best supporter and teammate during his campaigns for Mayor.

Esther is survived by her children Edwin M. Schroeder Jr., Esther L. DiMatteo, and Evan J. (Judy) Schroeder; her grandchildren Jessica R. Schroeder, James A. DiMatteo, Chad V. Schroeder, William R. Schroeder, Charlie Weekly and Michelle Kennedy; five great-grandchildren, and her sisters-in-law Bernice Bartel and Laverne Schroeder. She is preceded in death by her husband Edwin Schroeder, her grandson Daniel John Schroeder, and her brother Robert Schiefelbein.

A funeral service was held for April 21, at 10 a.m. at the United Protestant Church, 54 S. Whitney St. in Grayslake. Interment was held immediately after the service at Avon Centre Cemetery in Grayslake. Friends of the family visited on April 21, from 5-9 p.m. at Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium in Grayslake. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to the Grayslake Lions Club or the Christian League Home for the Handicapped in Walworth, Wis.

Charles H. Ferris

Age 90 of Antioch, passed away Friday, April 22, 2005 at the One On One Assisted Living Center in Ingleside. He was born Sept. 6, 1914 in Antioch, the son of the late Paul M. and Jean (Rose) Ferris and has been a life long resident. Chuck was a farmer, a licensed private pilot, and had operated the Antioch Airport for many years. He was a life member of the Odd Fellows of Antioch. On June 5, 1943 he married Agnes Techert in Lake Villa and she preceded him in death on Dec. 26, 1988.

Survivors include his son Lyle (Sue) Ferris and his daughter Marjorie Stiehr both of Antioch; five grandchildren, Kristina (Scott), Kenneth, Nicole, Jason (Tara) and Brann and five great grandchildren

Chance, Kristofer, Dakota, Britt and Alexa. In addition to his parents and wife he is preceded in death by his son Paul Ferris.

Funeral Services were held at 11 a.m., on April 26, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, 1055 Main St. (Rte 83) with the Rev. Gary L. Curl of the United Methodist Church of Antioch officiating. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Antioch. Visitation was held from 3-8 p.m. on April 25. Contributions may be made to the Antioch Rescue Squad in his memory.

Bernice M. Bartell

Age 86, passed away Thursday, April 21, 2005 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. She was born in Chicago to Elmer and Helen (nee Pitzen) Schroeder on May 19, 1918. A resident of Grayslake, she joined St. Gilbert Catholic Church in 1948, and was a member of the Altar and Rosary Society. Bernice was an avid Chicago Cubs fan.

Survivors include her daughters, Bonnie Schmidt of Roswell, Ga. and Beverly (Kurt) Hubbard of Grayslake; her grandchildren, Rudy Bartell, and three brothers, precede her in death. Friends of the family visited on April 24, from 4-7 p.m. at Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium, in Grayslake. A Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at 10 a.m. April 25, at St. Gilbert Catholic Church, in Grayslake. Interment followed at Avon Centre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to either the Grayslake Fire Dept./Rescue Squad at 160 Hawley Street, Grayslake, IL 60030, or to the College of Lake County Foundation.

Fred 'Benny' Michelau

Age 82 of Grayslake, passed away at his home, Saturday, April 23, 2005. Benny was born in Niles Center (Skokie) to John P. and Marguerite (nee Schuller) Michelau. He was a member of the Lake County Farm Bureau and the Cook County Truck Gardeners and Farmers Association. He owned Benny Michelau Topsoil and Gravel, Michelau Bus Service, and Michelau's Greenhouse. Benny was also a bus driver for the Woodland, Warren, and Grayslake school districts.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Kate (nee Jackson) Michelau,

whom he wed on Jan. 5, 1952 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Johnsbury; his children; Debby Michelau of Gurnee, John (Leslie) Michelau of Johnsbury, Diane (Fred) Bryant of Lake Zurich, Bernard "Ben" (Julie) Michelau of Bristol, Wis., and Bernadine (Keith) Halvorsen of Gurnee; his grandchildren; his sisters. His brother, sister, and aforementioned parents precede him in death.

Friends of the family visited on April 26, from 4-9 p.m. at Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium, 410 E. Belvidere Road, Grayslake, IL 60030. A Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 27, 2005 at St. Gilbert Catholic Church, in Grayslake. Interment followed at Avon Centre Cemetery in Grayslake. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to either Condell Hospice, 115 W. Church Street, Libertyville, IL 60048, Vista Star Hospice, 2615 Washington Street, Waukegan, IL 60085, or to St. Gilbert's "Vision for the Future" address above.

Karen E. Haljean

Age 49 of Round Lake, passed away Saturday, April 23, 2005 at Manor Care in Libertyville. She was born to Raymond and Beverly (Forrest) Donovan. Karen married Richard Haljean in Chicago.

Survivors include her husband, Richard; four children, Elizabeth (the late Scott) Moore of Round Lake, Joshua Haljean of Round Lake, Jennifer Haljean of McHenry, Julie Haljean of Round Lake Beach; eight grandchildren; four sisters; two brothers; she is preceded in death by her parents; a brother and a granddaughter.

Visitation was from 5-8 p.m., April 26 at Justen's Round Lake Funeral Home in Round Lake. The funeral was held at 8 p.m. April 26 at the funeral home. Interment was private. Memorials in her name to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Memorials and Honors Program, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105-9956 would be appreciated by the family.

David C. Buckingham

Age 38 of Salem, Wis., passed away Friday, April 22, 2005 at his home. He was born in Waukegan, the son of David L. and Carolyn (Strickland) Buckingham. He was a

graduate of Antioch High School in 1984.

Survivors include his wife, Anita; a daughter, Sarah Ann Buckingham; his parents David and Carolyn Buckingham of Antioch; his sisters; a nephew and several uncles and aunts.

A Memorial visitation was held from 4-8 p.m., April 27 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Diabetes Association, in his memory.

Francesca Marie Rodriguez

Age 18 of Wildwood, passed away suddenly Wednesday, April 20, 2005 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. She was a senior at Warren Township High School, where she was active on the speech team and in theater.

Surviving are her mother, Julienne (Michael) Britton of Wildwood; her father, Javier Rodriguez of River Grove; three brothers, J. J., Anthony and Christopher; grandparents, Minnie (Ricardo) Valentine-Campos, Luis Candelaria, Maria Guterrez and Jose Rodriguez; her great grandmother, Julie Garcia and her dearest friend, Robby Tomei.

Funeral Service was held at 10 a.m., April 26 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Interment followed at Maryhill Cemetery in Niles. Visitation was from 4-9 p.m., April 25 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville.

Christine N. Sungvooom

Age 82 of Vernon Hills, passed away Wednesday, April 20, 2005 at the Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. She was a member of St. Mary of Vernon Parish in Indian Creek.

Surviving are 13 children, Elizabeth, Dr. Rose (U Soe Win), Irene (Charles) Mya Sein, Bernedette (Douglas) Getman, Mary (Col. Peter) Myint E., Lucy (Dr. Freddy) Nwe, Dr. Cecilia (Dr. Janaw) Manon, Louise (John) Schacht, John (Caroline) Sungvooom, Regina (Kan Chiang) Sihoe, Assumpta (Jerome) Bamaung, Albert (Dr. Jeanette) Sungvooom, Julie (Andre) Castro; 33 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and a brother. She is preceded in death by her parents, Ah Ngin and Zing Ci, by her husband

Joseph in 1977 and by seven brothers and sisters.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m., April 25 at St. Mary of Vernon Church. Interment followed at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville. Visitation was from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. April 24 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville for an hour prior to mass on April 25 at the church.

Louise Booths

Age 86 of Waukegan, died April 20, 2005. She worked at Skokie Valley Laundry and Great Lakes Laundry for many years.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory five children, Granville Thomas, Louis Booths, Mary Booths, Alvan Booths and Alex Booths, all of Waukegan; 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral Service was held April 26 at Jesus Name Apostolic Church in Waukegan with John I. Caples Jr. Pastor, officiating. The Wake was held at 10 a.m., with funeral service at 11 a.m. Interment was at Mt. Olivet Memorial Park Cemetery in Zion. Professional services were handled by Westgate Funerals in Waukegan.

George A. Horodnik

Age 77 of Libertyville, passed away suddenly, Wednesday, April 20, 2005 at the Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. He was the former chief of security at International Harvester in Libertyville and retired from Sears at Hawthorn Center. George as a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Force.

Surviving are his wife Earlene Horodnik; four daughters, Sherilyn Alexander of Libertyville, Gail (Mark) Crane of Waukegan, Carole (Jon) Edstrom of Libertyville and Linda (Mark) Smith of Tuscola; 11 grandchildren and a brother. He is preceded in death by his parents, Alexander and Grace Horodnik and two sisters.

Funeral Service was held at 11 a.m. April 23 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Interment followed at Lakeside Cemetery. Visitation was from 4-8 p.m. on April 22.

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Karen Lynn Korecek

Age 54 of Glen Ellyn, formerly of Antioch, passed away Monday, April 18, 2005 at Rest Haven in Lombard. She was born in Berwyn the daughter of Laddie A. and Emily (Cada) Korecek. She worked at Great Clips in Antioch as a beautician.

Survivors include her children, Lorie Hiehr (Jeff) Mossman of Woodstock, Barbara Liehr (George) Tselikis of Glen Ellyn and Carol Lynn Liehr (Eric) Egler of Sachse, Tex.; her father, Laddie A. Korecek; a brother; and four grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her mother, Emily Cada Korecek.

Memorial Service was held at 7 p.m., April 19 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch with Rev. Lawrence Hanley officiating. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to a family memorial.

Carlos M. Perez

Age 50 of Antioch, passed away Friday, April 22, 2005 at the Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. He was employed at the Sunset Lake Apartments in Waukegan.

Surviving are his wife, Ana Maria Perez and two children, Ana and Carlos, all of Antioch; and his mother, Sara Naite of Cuba.

Funeral Service was held at 7 p.m. April 23 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Visitation was from 5-7 p.m. April 23.

Irene V. Grzegorzewski (Gesky)

Age 86 of Waukegan, died Saturday, April 23, 2005 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. She was the owner and operated Frank's Tavern in North Chicago for many years.

Irene is survived by her daughter, Mary (Donald) Williams of Waukegan and her twin sister, Eleanor Hodur of Waukegan; several other relatives and friends and a special friend, Coco.

She is preceded in death by her husband, William in 1952; brothers, Louis and Tony Griggins; a sister, Helen Stine; her parents, Casimer and Alexandria (nee Kalinowski) Griggins; and stepfather, Frank Zaborowski.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10 a.m., April 27 at Queen of Peace Catholic Church with interment following at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville. Relatives and friends visited from 5-8 p.m., April 26 at the Salata Funeral Chapel in North Chicago.

Edward P. Paluckis

Age 85 of Waukegan, died, April 23, 2005 at the North Chicago Veterans Hospital. He was a WWII veteran, a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Waukegan American Legion.

Ed is survived by his wife of 56 years, Ann "Babe" (nee Zigas); two sisters-in-law, June Paluckis of Waukegan and Grace Campdoras of San Diego, Calif. and many other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, August and Agatha (nee Daujotas) Paluckis; a twin brother, Tony and a brother, Alex; and a sister, Bernice Wintes.

Funeral Service was held at 11 a.m. April 27 at the Salata-Gurnee Funeral Home in Gurnee and interment followed at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville. Visitation was held from 5-8 p.m. on April 26 and from 10-11 a.m. on April 27 at the funeral home.

George W. Mizlock

Age 85 of Waukegan, died April 20, 2005 George was a lifetime member of the VFW and a veteran of WWII, having served with the U.S. Army in the Pacific and Atlantic Theater.

Survivors include his friend for over 40 years and now wife, Georgia; five stepchildren, Ralph Norman, Lillian Stanford, Rene Watson, Lonnie Norman and Hasan Rashid; sister-in-law and dear friends, Joseph Vogler and staff. George is preceded in death by his parents; one sister and a brother.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated, April 25 at noon at Holy Family Church in Waukegan. Interment was at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville. Visitation was April 23 from 6-9 p.m.; April 24 from 6-9 p.m. and April 25 from

10-11:30 a.m. at Marsh Funeral Home in Waukegan.

Jacquie Ann 'Jackie' Reese

Age 63 of Park City, passed away on Wednesday, April 20, 2005 at Highland Park Hospital in Highland Park. She was born in Waukegan, to the late Mr. Fiscus and Pearl Van Dien. She married James Donald Reese in Illinois in 1962. He preceded her in death in 1993.

Surviving are her sons, Steven Gary Reese of Jacksonville, Donald James (Jodi) Reese of Round Lake Beach and Michael James Reese of Park City; three grandchildren.

Friends met with the family April 24 from 4-8 p.m. at Warren Funeral Home in Gurnee with Sandra L. Templeton, Associate in Ministry officiating. Funeral Service was held April 25 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Entombment took place at the Chapel of

Peace Mausoleum at Warren Cemetery in Gurnee.

Thomas Patrick Morris Jr.

Age 44 of Gurnee, passed away April 21, 2005. He was a Grant Knight of St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus 12639, was president of Woodland 50 School board and a business owner in Gurnee for 13 years.

Thomas is survived by his wife, Joan; two daughters, Kimberleigh and Ashleigh; special pets, Sonny and Ben; his parents, Thomas and Carol Morris; a sister and a brother.

Funeral Service was held April 25 at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church. Interment was at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville. Visitation was held April 24 from 3-9 p.m. and April 25 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Marsh Funeral Home in Gurnee. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

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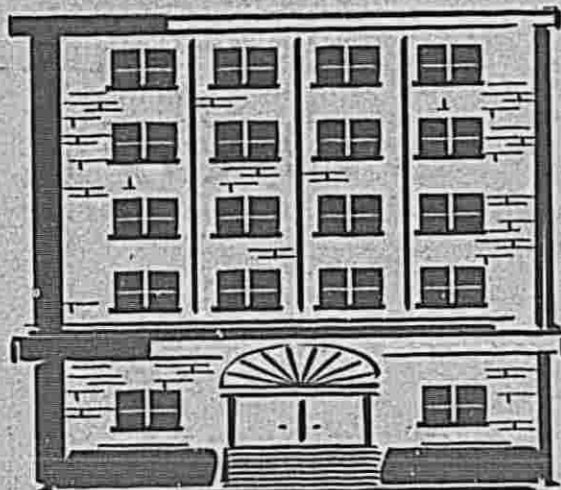
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Tim Orłowski, 5, works on fielding grounders during T-ball practice for Mundelein Little League in April 1995.

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10 YEARS AGO • 1995

The Grayslake Park District received a \$168,000 grant for park development. With a matching grant coming from the developer, the total came out to more than \$330,000 for the district.

Officials in Vernon Hills rejected a request from a property owner to annex into the village. The acre parcel was likely to go toward building a 100-room hotel. Both the county and the village had the area zoned for residential development only.

A Round Lake Beach man was arrested after making repeated threats to area police and fire officials. He was taken to the Elgin Mental Health Clinic for treatment.

15 YEARS AGO • 1990

The village of Fox Lake was planning on expanding to the south. The village was looking to join up with 27 acres at the northwest corner of Routes 12 and 143. The corner was going to be brought in the village with commercial zoning.

A 20-year-old Ingleside man escaped death when he bailed out of his car before a Soo Line locomotive in Libertyville Township hit it. The man's car ended up on the tracks after it went into a ditch. Ten minutes later a train at 35 mph hit it.

A routine traffic stop by a Fox Lake officer recovered more than \$1,500 in stolen merchandise and weapons.

25 YEARS AGO • 1980

The Lake County Circuit Court Clerk was indicted on one count of perjury and two counts of perjury. According to report, the clerk had requested that a certain judge handle a bribery case. Clerks are prohibited to assign judges by state law.

The radiology and emergency departments at St. Therese Hospital in Waukegan announce that they would be holding a sock hop.

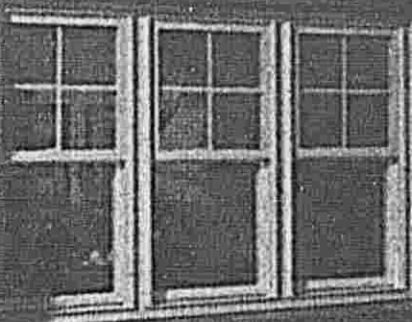
Voters in Lake Villa Township approved a tax ceiling for the district. While less than 2,000 voters came out for the vote, only 109 residents were in favor of no tax ceiling.

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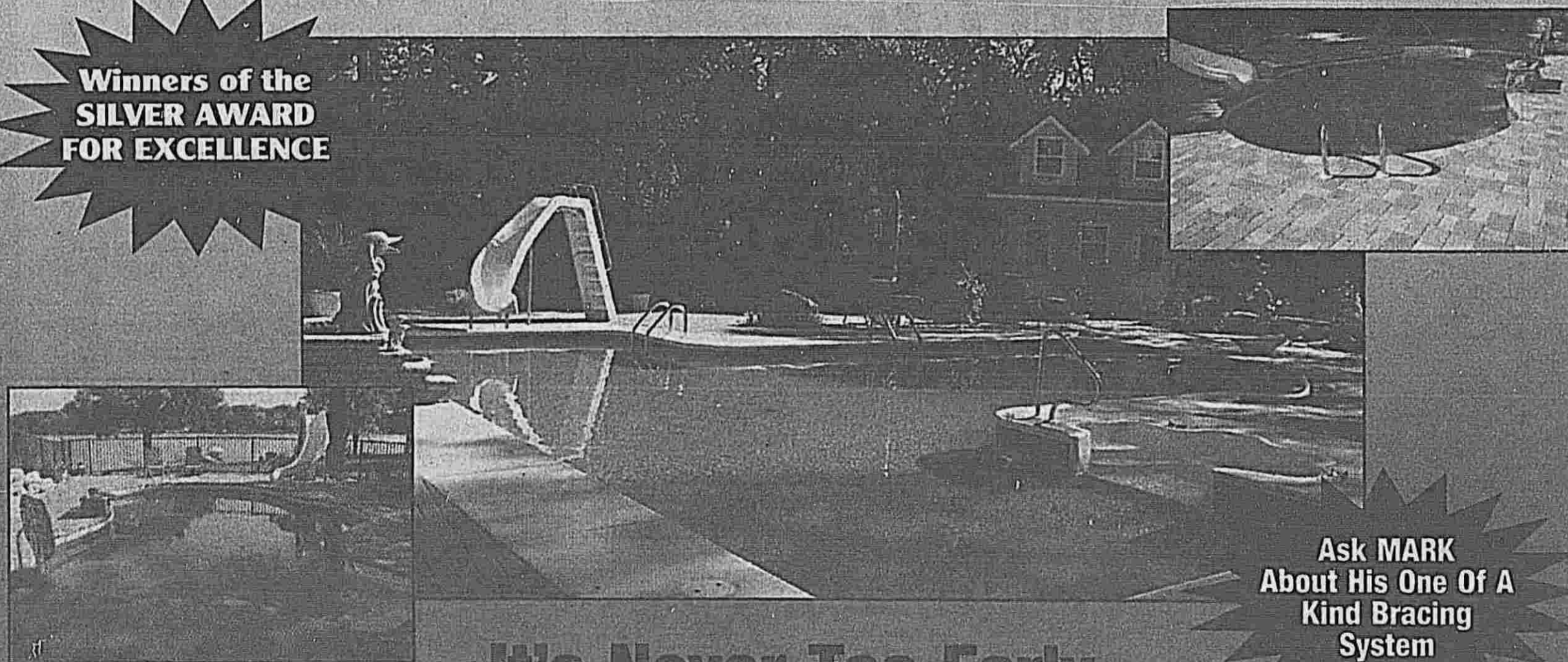


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Previously located in Chicago, AHI has brought style to clients throughout the area, including the western suburbs, downtown Chicago, and the North Shore. Now the company is ready to bring polished, high quality design to the northern suburbs. To make an appointment, or for more information, contact Amy Hebbeln Interiors at 847-334-2166 or amyhebbelninteriors@comcast.net

Amcore opens office

Amcore Financial, Inc. announced the opening of its Libertyville office at 1880 W. Winchester Road, Suite 103. The new location will offer primarily commercial services and will include a staff of seasoned professionals that bring extensive commercial banking experience to the Libertyville area.

The Libertyville staff includes Don Logar, Commercial Team Leader; Chris Rowley and Jon Dexter, Commercial Relationship Managers; Sandy Ozee and Holly Woodfill, Senior Commercial Sales Assistants. Lobby hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

FiberGel teams up

Circle Group Holdings announced that its FiberGel Technologies, Inc. subsidiary of Mundelein has teamed with a leading food industry byproducts firm to provide opportunities for licensing commercial quantities of Z-Trim. The firm, which is one of the oldest in the industry, is responsible for large contract grain byproduct utilization with various major food industry players.

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Local pros offer help at expo

By Kyle Schmitt

Staff Reporter

Small businesses found a wealth of experience and expertise available to help them at National City's Business Growth Expo.

Sponsored by National City Bank and SaveItNow! Business Purchasing Solutions, the event brought together local business representatives to provide advice and contacts to small businesses.

Owners could enjoy "one-stop shopping" source for their business' needs, said Arlene Martin, assistant vice president of small business banking for National City.

"This synergy that's created here with this group of service providers could save them time and money," she hoped to promote available lines of credit to businesses, noting that she deals routinely with small businesses and hopes to hold similar events for owners in the future.

Companies can take immediate steps to guard their finances and save time in making purchases, said SaveItNow! President Randi Binstock.

Binstock advised owners to review the entire process of spending, noting that many owners will audit every financial transaction they make at home but not at work.

Extolling the virtues of spend management, Binstock said companies should review and attempt to reduce the vendors from whom they purchase.

Spending limits or item lists must be implemented for purchasers, Binstock said, warning that owners "can't beat up the vendor anymore" in procuring supplies and services. "Those days are gone because frankly, I don't have the expertise my vendor has in the product category he sells," she said.

Aware that owners remain wary of spending advertising dollars, Market-Journal Display Manager Jill DePasquale provided tips for maximizing their budgets, urging owners to take advantage of co-op advertising and approach yellow pages promotion with caution.

Companies should offer continuous advertising to the public, DePasquale said, and produce eye-catching advertisements when promoting themselves in print publications. "If you don't get (readers) in 3.5 seconds, they're on to the next page."

Grayslake-based CPA Jeff Baer said he serves as a surrogate CEO for many companies that need accounting and consulting help.



Photos by Sandy Bressner

Above-Kelli Martin (left) of National City Bank shares a laugh with Grayslake Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Shirley Christian and Lakeland Media publisher William Schroeder during a business growth expo hosted by National City Bank in downtown Grayslake. Below left-Randi Binstock, president of Save It Now!, a business purchasing company, right, talks with Donna Bikus during the expo. Below right-Jeffrey Baer, a certified public accountant, of Jeffrey Baer and Associates, LTD. In Grayslake participates in a business growth seminar and informational session.



"Our single-person owners have no one to talk to for business decision, so I work with them in one-on-one situations," he said.

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NEW BUSINESSES

Assumed business names

My Girlfriend's Closet Boutique, 6265 Formoor Lane, Gurnee, 847-736-4610. Owner: **Jacqueline P. Koukol**. Purpose: Upscale Women's Clothing and Accessories.

On The House Construction, 2671 Wildflower Court, Round Lake Beach, 847-613-0537. Owner: **Brian Scholz**. Purpose: Construction-New or old or existing

Under The Sycamore Tree, 1445 Turks Cap Road, Grayslake, 847-530-1447. Owner: **Jackie E. Harris**. Purpose: A children's book, music and gift store.

Nick Construction, 20818 Dogwood, Deerfield, 847-229-9365. Owner: **Nicolae Curtean**. Purpose: Interior and exterior remodeling and new construction

Bella Flora Professional Landscaping, 207 Beachview, Round Lake, 847-833-5521. Owner: **Julio Arteaga**. Purpose: Landscaping

Delta Construction, 1212 Ranch Road, Lake Forest, 847-482-1800. Owner: **Zbigniew Sterczynski**. Purpose: General Contractor-Remodeling

Hines Online Marketing, 419 Long Hill Road, Gurnee, 847-249-1875. Owner: **Susan Hines**. Purpose: Internet Sales

Nathaniel DJ, Lambs Farm, Rockland Road, Libertyville, 847-362-4636. Owner: **Nathan WaRoad**. Purpose: Disc Jockey Jobs

Conference and Meeting Planners International, 1191 Chesterfield Lane, Grayslake, 847-543-8863. Owner: **Lori Welsberg**. Purpose: Business meeting planners and travel

Kiel's Kustoms, 70 E. Big Horn Dr., Hainesville, 847-543-4561. Owner: **Kiel W., Suzanne H., Sawusch**. Purpose: Mobile airbrush repair of vehicles, customizing of vehicles, etc.

Grayslake Webmasters, 182 Wellington Court, P.O. Box 7006, Grayslake, 847-530-6422. Owner: **Grace N. Gilbert**. Purpose: Web design

ADR Sewer and Drain Care Specialists, 695 Britney Square, Apt. 3, Grayslake, 773-301-5376. Owner: **Randy Adkins**. Purpose: Sewer and drain care

Allied Equity Funding, 794 S. Sienna Dr., Round Lake, 847-212-8687. Owner: **Marites S. Lamarz**. Purpose: Consultancy

CUSTOMIZENIT.COM, 38340 N. Hamilton Circle, Spring Grove, 847-587-8364. Owner: **Carol Joan Main**. Purpose: Internet sales of silicone bracelets, etc.

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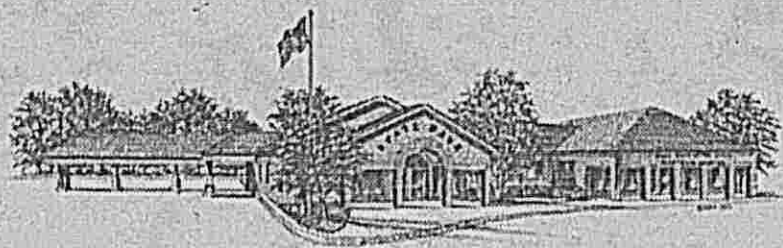
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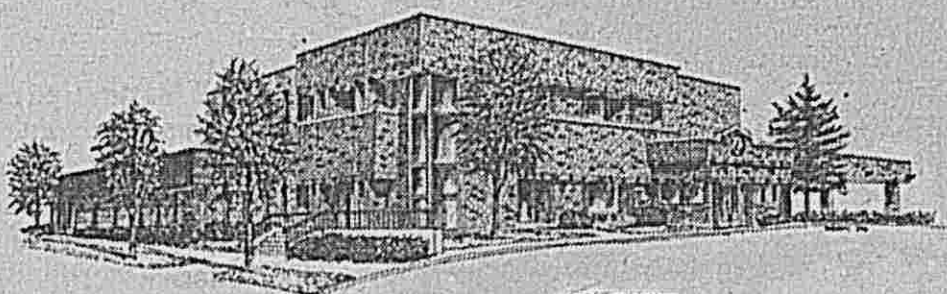
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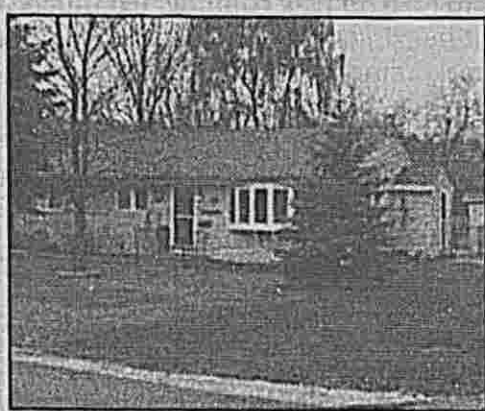
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Baths: 2
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DR: 12X10
KIT: 13X11
FR: 19X15
MBR: 17X12
BR 2: 12X11
BR 3: 12X12

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FP: 1
Rooms: 8
Full baths: 2
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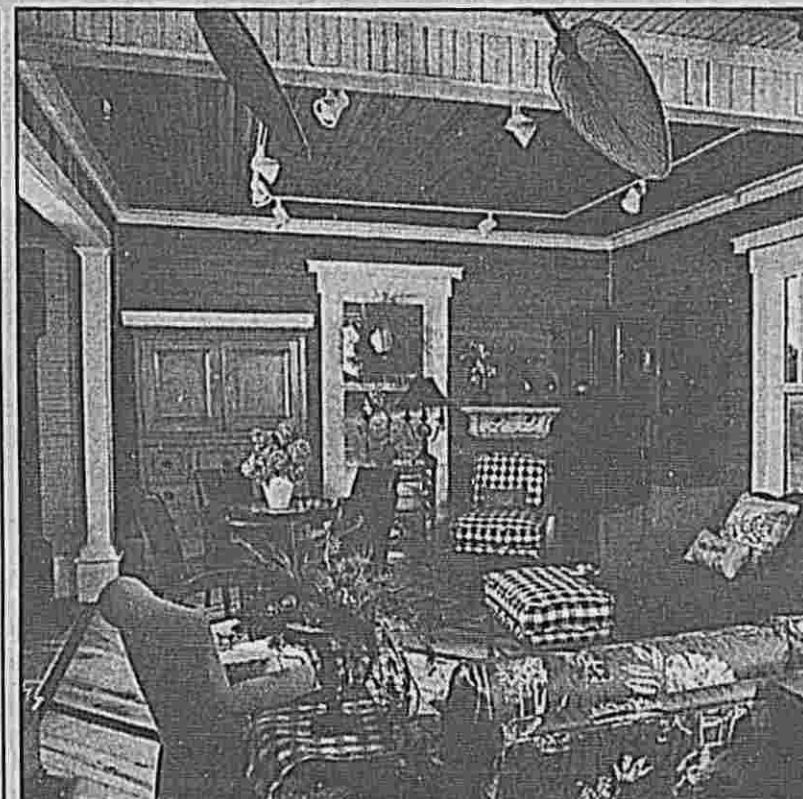
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- Try a new furniture arrangement. Transform the look of a room to gain a new perspective simply by moving the furniture around.
- Shop in outlets or discount centers. Many moderately-priced stores offer furniture that can complement a room. Mix and match a few expensive pieces with a few reasonably priced ones to balance out the room and budget.
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PARENT'S PLACE

Dr. Sherri Singer

Hi Dr. Singer,

I have been reading your columns for years now and love them. Thank you for all the insight! I have seen you write about cognitive processing skill problems in kids. Usually you write about it in the school and learning realm but I was wondering if cognitive processing problems can ever cause a child problems playing sports. We have a son and he plays several sports, but we notice that many times, his thinking is slower than it needs to be to make the play or there is too much coming at him at once and he just freezes. These things have really started to cause him to become somewhat sensitive and we wonder if it might not be causing some self-esteem problems. Can the cognitive processing problems you have been writing about for some time cause a child to freeze up during sports and if so how can we help him? J.S.

Hi J.S.,

The answer is absolutely. Think for a minute about what sports are about. Usually, it involves the need for fast thinking or fast processing speed and the ability to handle multiple levels of stimuli at the same moment. It also involves being able to plan ahead or organization and sequential thought process. It also involves remembering plays and directions or auditory memory. These are absolutely cognitive processing skills and they are the same processing skills

Processing and attention deficits cause problems with sports

that I write about and work with kids to improve. They are the same processing skills that can cause problems with homework and academics, following directions at home and/or school and relationships between parents, teachers and kids. Correcting this does help with school progress and with playing sports better. Thinking better and faster in general is what it corrects and ultimately, that makes everything in the child's life more accessible.

There are many kids out there who get what I call, 'deer in the headlights syndrome.' This is when they have too much coming at them and they cannot separate it out quickly enough and respond quickly enough to deal with it. They just freeze up. It can happen in sports and also other arenas too. This sounds tremendously like what you are describing your son's experience to be. Please understand that the kids that this is happening to are not any less smart than other kids. Their IQ's can be normal. The problem is they may have specific processing area deficits that are getting in the way and it is keeping them from performing at their best level. The kids I have worked with to correct this problem have soared after just a little bit of practicing those skills with me. The unfortunate part is that when some parents see their kid freezing like that on the field, they think it's just not a strength the child has and pulls the child out or worse yet, tells the child that he or she just isn't trying hard enough. Those parents are usually just trying to encourage the child or protect the child, but the best track here is to correct the skills as soon as possible so the child doesn't have to struggle with them anymore.

Some of these kids who are freezing up in these situations are being tried on medication. I am not going to discuss here whether or not medication is the absolute right step for a problem like this, but I will say that while the medication may help some of the symptoms, it will not teach the child how to develop those deficient skills.

Those skills still need to be trained so the child can take on new complicated things without freezing up. It requires the ability to multi-task, remember, plan and execute actions efficiently which is exactly what many things in life require. For older kids and even adults, driving requires these skills very much and to develop them, can create a safer driving situation for everyone. A child who has trouble with coordinating mental abilities for sports, may also be at higher risk for having these problems behind the wheel. Once the skills are trained the right way, the normal living of life can just keep building them to a better place.

You had asked what to do next. The first step I recommend to clients who come to me with this problem, is to evaluate the child to determine if any of those processing deficits exist. If we find that they do exist, it's simple! We just practice the deficient skills. If we find that they do not exist, we explore further to figure out what can be causing the problem to occur. Either way we arrive at an answer and make it better so the child can keep enjoying the sport while feeling good about him or herself. After all isn't that what it's all about?

Dr. Sherri Singer is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Childhood Behavior Specialist. She regularly works in person with many readers of this column, helping them to significantly improve their kid's behavior, attention and processing skills. You can find Dr. Singer's 'Tic Mark System of Behavior Improvement in Kids' very helpful in making great changes in a child's life. This system has promoted very fast behavior change both at home and school with very little work from parents and teachers. Dr. Singer continues to help kids with improving attention, focus, homework and processing in her Attention, Behavior and Learning Success Program. For an appointment, please call (847) 231-5644 or (708) 962-2549.



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Crimson tied

Former MHS hoops star cements name
in Harvard record books

By Rob Backus
Sports Editor

Four years ago, when Graham Beatty was a senior at Mundelein High School, he received a recruiting letter from Harvard University. He thought it was a joke and threw it away.

What Beatty didn't know at the time was that Harvard men's basketball coach Frank Sullivan was very interested in him, having spotted him at a five-star hoops camp in Pittsburgh the previous summer.

"At the time we were looking for a big body guy who could compete on the boards," Sullivan said. "He had a great body and was a good athlete. He was a really solid interior player and he could run the floor."

It's a rarity for any Crimson freshman to see much playing time, but Beatty was immediately inserted into Harvard's regular rotation as the first big man off the bench. It would appear now that Sullivan's confidence in Beatty was justified.

"The fact that he was a full-time player as a freshman is a testimony of his ability to pick up information and compete on the collegiate level," Sullivan said.

The rest, as they say, is history. The Harvard senior never missed a game in his collegiate career, tying 1982 graduate and Harvard Hall of Famer Don Fleming's school record for career games played at 107.

You'd think it would be

tough for a player who's 6-8 and 230 pounds to sneak up on anyone, but that's exactly what Beatty did, according to Sullivan.

"He's just so unassuming, we didn't even know he was going for the record," Sullivan said. "It kind of snuck up on us."

"My personality is to downplay things," Beatty said. "It's nice having the record, in the sense that all the hard work I put in is being recognized. But it doesn't define my experience at Harvard."

Although he was never much of a scorer, with his career high of 12 points coming just last December against LIU-Brooklyn, he immediately had a role on the team.

"My role was to jump in, grab an offensive rebound, make a big play and play some defense," said Beatty, who averaged around three points and three rebounds in his career. "I prided myself on my defense and playing hard."

It was a major change for Beatty, who averaged 16 points and six boards as a senior at Mundelein, earning Lakeland All-First Team honors. But while most players would struggle with the transition from being "the man" in high school to becoming a role player, Beatty flourished.

"It wasn't that big a deal," Beatty said of the transition to college hoops. "I just enjoyed playing at a high level. I'm not a prima donna-type player; I just felt I was fortunate to play right away."

Most of what Beatty brought to the team didn't

show up in a stat sheet, according to Sullivan.

"He was Mr. Intangibles," Sullivan said. "He would set screens, take charges, battle on the boards and play good defense. But the biggest thing he brought to the team was that he's truly an all-for-one guy."

Most of that comes from Beatty's hoops background at Mundelein.

"I tried to do the little things because that's what I was taught (at Mundelein)," Beatty said. "(Former Mundelein hoops coach) Perry (Wilhelm) taught me defense first and I took it to heart."

Wilhelm, for one, isn't the least surprised that Beatty was able to suit up all four years.

"It just shows the type of player he is," said Wilhelm, who's now the athletic director at Grant Community High School. "He was a great teammate and he was never hung up on stats as long as the team could win."

Wilhelm saw Beatty early last season at Notre Dame and was surprised by his size.

"It's amazing how much bigger and stronger he seems," Wilhelm said of Beatty, who added 30 pounds of muscle in college.

While he'll always look back fondly on the Harvard experience, it's interesting to note how close Beatty came to never suiting up for the Crimson. In the film "The Shawshank Redemption," light was made of a situation in which Andy Dufresne asked a prison guard whether he wanted his son to go to Harvard or Yale.

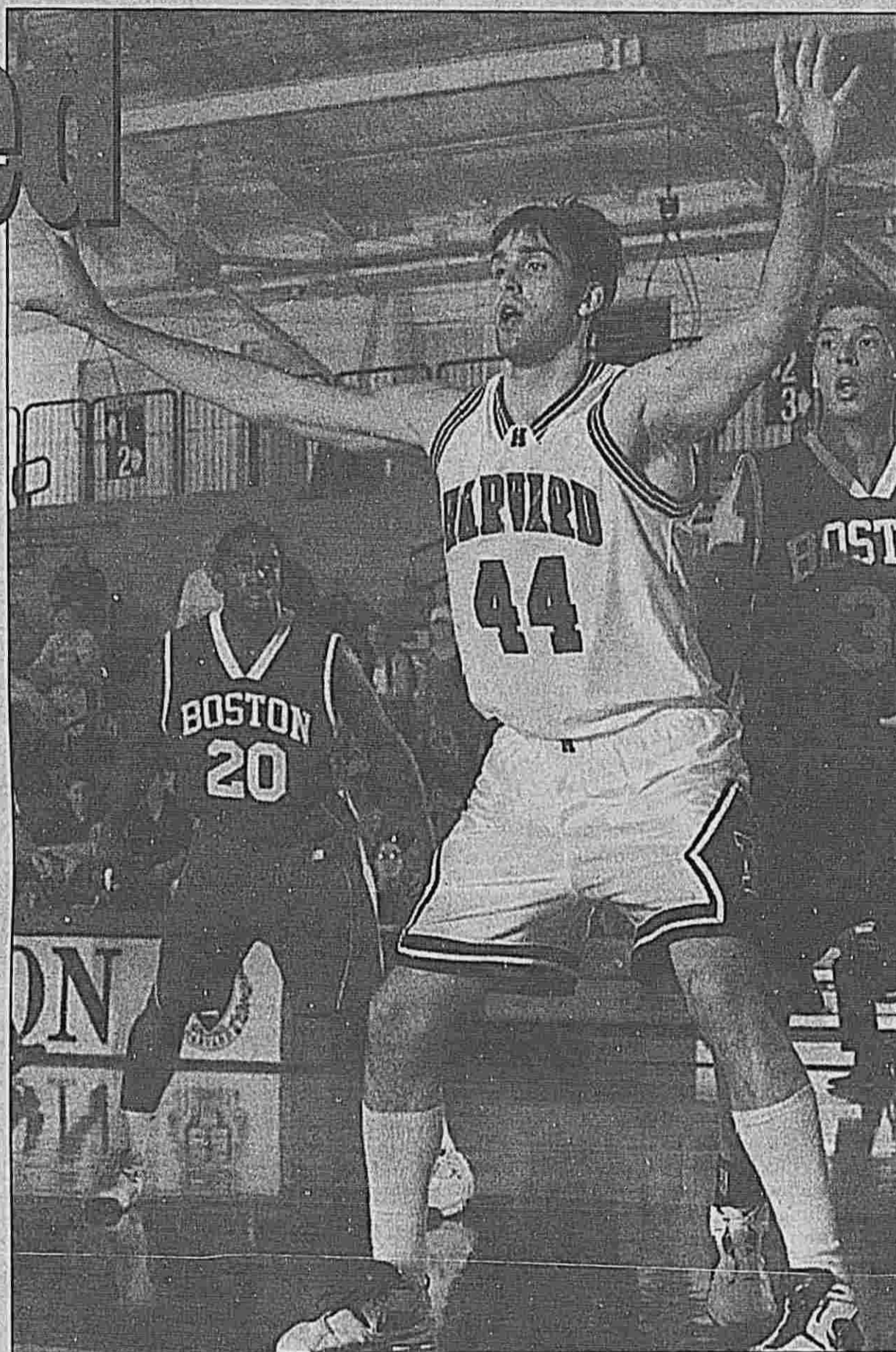


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Harvard University senior Graham Beatty, a 2001 Mundelein High School graduate, competes in a game against Boston University earlier this year. Beatty closed out his hoops career with a school record-tying 107 consecutive games played.

Beatty was actually faced with that choice.

"I visited Yale twice, then I went to Harvard for a recruiting visit," Beatty said. "I met the guys and I had a great time. Plus, Cambridge (Mass.) is a great town."

Now Beatty is about to graduate from America's most prestigious university with a degree in economics, with the hope of landing a finance job in New York. Although he doesn't plan on playing organized basket-

ball in the future, he will remain involved in the game.

"It's always been a big part of my life, so I'd like to stay involved," said Beatty, who would like to participate in youth hoops.

ON THE SIDELINES

Dan Patrick • Sports Reporter

In the thick of battle it's hard to remember that wins and losses are nothing but numbers. But as the time wears on, the crushing embarrassment of playing on a sub-par team is replaced with the overwhelming

pride of knowing that you pushed your body and your mind, the love for the friends you made and the war stories of screaming coaches and bus rides long past.

What's funny is that as the time rolls on, yet another number begins to rule the roost: the almighty dollar. It's a number that controls us all, and kids are not exempt from its wrath. When high school athletes should be honing their skills, many local schools are pondering whether or not to keep many of the activities these kids work so hard for. The bottom line is that we should keep them, no matter the cost.

Round Lake High School has

been mired with money troubles for years and its athletic teams have long served as the doormats of the NSC Prairie Division. In the boys' basketball ranks, coach Mark Petrynek and his Panthers could only muster a single victory, and yet again, money is a concern.

Because they can not afford to have summer practices all the time like many other high school programs, it sets their team behind. Therefore, Petrynek and his team intend to raise money by holding car washes and other fund-raisers to try and get back into a competitive form. But it seems that whatever the team wants to do, it's all

dependent upon the amount of money that is raised.

It seems that now, sports aren't about throws and catches, putting rocks in holes or any other of the basic fundamentals. Instead, it's all about the money raised, the money spent and the margin of profit.

While many schools are forced to cut funding to athletics due to overall financial trouble, we cannot forget the importance of sports within a high school's life. Sports teaches youngsters discipline, how to work with a team, how to take and give orders, and most of all, sports gives you the camaraderie

that lasts years after high school is over. These are all essential lessons within life and it is best to experience within a controlled environment underneath the watchful eye of a coach.

Regardless of the wins and losses, regardless of the money spent, sports should be the last things on any person's mind to cut. It shouldn't be about the money—it should be about the students' lives.

If Round Lake's dedication can be used as an example, then sports plays a huge role indeed.

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ANTIOCH



Sequoits surging after slow start

By Rob Backus

Sports Editor

Heading into the season, Antioch baseball coach Paul Petty had no idea what to expect from his team. With just 13 players, the Sequoits were a team full of question marks and an 0-4 start certainly did little to answer those questions.

Then something clicked and the Sequoits started to win. The team has been on a tear ever since, winning 11 of its last 15 games to move to 11-8 overall and 2-1 in the North Suburban Lake division.

"With the exception of my first year, this is the most unsure I've been in 13 years as head coach," Petty said. "I had my doubts going in, but I've been pleasantly surprised."

Petty feels the turnaround simply stems from players settling into their roles.

"A lot of our guys are wearing different hats because of our lack of depth," Petty said. "But now I know what I have and I know what buttons to push."

The players aren't exactly sure what has caused the turnaround, other than perhaps picking up their first win.

"After we started off 0-4 we started to thinking about it," senior Chadd Ori said. "But then we started winning and we rolled with it and took it from there."

Petty knew his offense would be good, and it has, with the Sequoits currently hitting around .300 as a team. He also thought the infield defense would be respectable, with Chandler Kent and Mike Fuchs roaming the middle.

However, he wasn't sure of his outfield defense, but after moving catcher Nate Hughes to centerfield, it's been solid, according to Petty.

"Nate's so fast, so the outfield gets a lot smaller with him out there," Petty said. "Plus, since he doesn't have to worry about so many things, it's freed him up to focus more on his offense."

But with the graduation of ace hurler John Snelton, Petty had no idea which players would fill out his rotation. With almost no varsity pitching experience under its belt, the quartet of Ori, Kent, Bryan Vos and John Heneberry has done its best to assuage Petty's concerns about his team's pitching.

"Pitching was our biggest question mark, but it's been pretty solid," Petty said. "We don't have a 10-strikeout guy, but we have a group of four guys I'm confident in."

Leading the way thus far is senior Chadd Ori, who has a 4-0 record on the season.

"He's a competitor and he doesn't get flustered, which is exactly what you want from a pitcher," Petty said. "He doesn't blow it by anyone, but he throws a lot of off-speed stuff and he keeps hitters off-balance."

With a fastball that only reaches the high-'70s, Ori relies on control, a solid curveball and a splitter to get batters out.

"I don't have an amazing fastball, so I try and hit my spots and keep the batter think-



Photo by Steve Young

Antioch Community High School's Bryan Vos unleashes a pitch in a game against Warren on Monday. The Sequoits lost to the Devils 8-4.

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Paul Petty
Antioch baseball coach

ing," Ori said.

Although Ori's pitching has been important to the team, it's his hitting that has Petty amazed. Ori currently has three homeruns and is leading the team in RBI.

"He's capable of a lot at the plate," Petty said. "He's come a long way. He puts the ball in play and he hits it hard."

Ori has also been instrumental in helping lead the team, according to Petty.

"He's a good leader," Petty said. "The kids respect him and he treats his teammates well."

If Ori is the crafty veteran on the mound, then Vos could be considered the project of the group. He has a fantastic arm, according to Petty, but needs to harness his ability if he wants to dominate.

"He's a work-in-progress," Petty said. "He throws hard and he's only scratching the surface of his talent. He didn't have it last year or over the summer, but he's thrown four solid outings so far. Hopefully, he'll keep working at it."

Even though his fastball is consistently in the low-'80s, Vos is working on adding even more velocity. He also has a splitter and a 12-to-6 curveball that he can throw for strikes.

"I'm working real hard to improve," Vos said. "My mechanics are fine, I just need to

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Baseball

Antioch's roll continued Tuesday as the Sequoits topped North Chicago 13-3 in five innings. The victory was Antioch's 11th in its last 15 games, improving the team's record to 11-8 overall. John Heneberry picked up the win on the mound.

The Sequoits also completed a season sweep of Lake Forest last Thursday, beating the Scouts 6-2. Chadd Ori got the win, giving up just three hits and three walks over seven innings while striking out four.

Nate Hughes (2-for-4), Bryan Vos (3-for-3, 3 RBI), Ryan Church (2-for-4) and Craig Holst (1-for-3, RBI) were key for Antioch, which pounded out 10 hits in the contest.

Boys' tennis

The Sequoits fell to Grayslake 3-2 in a non-conference match-up on Monday. Andrew Nichols picked up the first Antioch win, defeating Neil Naolhu 6-1, 6-2 at No. 2 singles.

The No. 1 doubles tandem of Charlie Scupham and Ryan Leng earned the other win, defeating Tyler Depke and Carl Hauck 6-4, 4-6, 6-1.

Softball

After an unexpected break from game play due to weather the past several days, the Sequoits took the field again Tuesday for a 16-4 win over North Chicago.

Newcomers Claire Seaver and Amanda Hoban handled things from the mound, combining for 12 strikeouts against 4 runs. Seaver notched the win while Hoban logged the save in the five-inning affair.

Junior Sarah Stengel led the way offensively for the Sequoits, reaching base in all five of her plate appearances. She finished 2-for-3 with a pair of walks and scored three runs.

Defensively, we did a fairly nice job of playing good situational ball," said Antioch coach Julie Sexton, whose team improved to 7-8 with the win. "Once our offense gave us something to protect, the kids recognized the need to play for outs instead of runs, and executed that fairly."

find the right release point. I still need to improve mentally and physically. Sometimes I let stuff get to my head too much."

With his team on a roll and in the thick of a hotly contested conference race, Petty likes what he sees and hopes the Sequoits can maintain their momentum down the stretch.

"I'm very happy with where we are right now," Petty said. "We're in a dogfight in conference. You have to bring your best every game."

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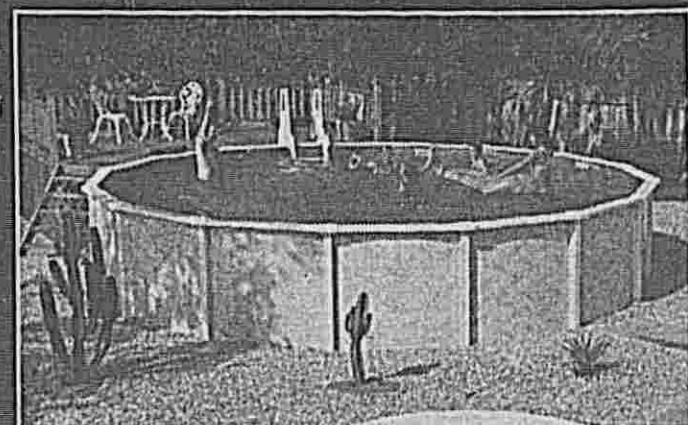
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Perrenot leading way for Corsairs

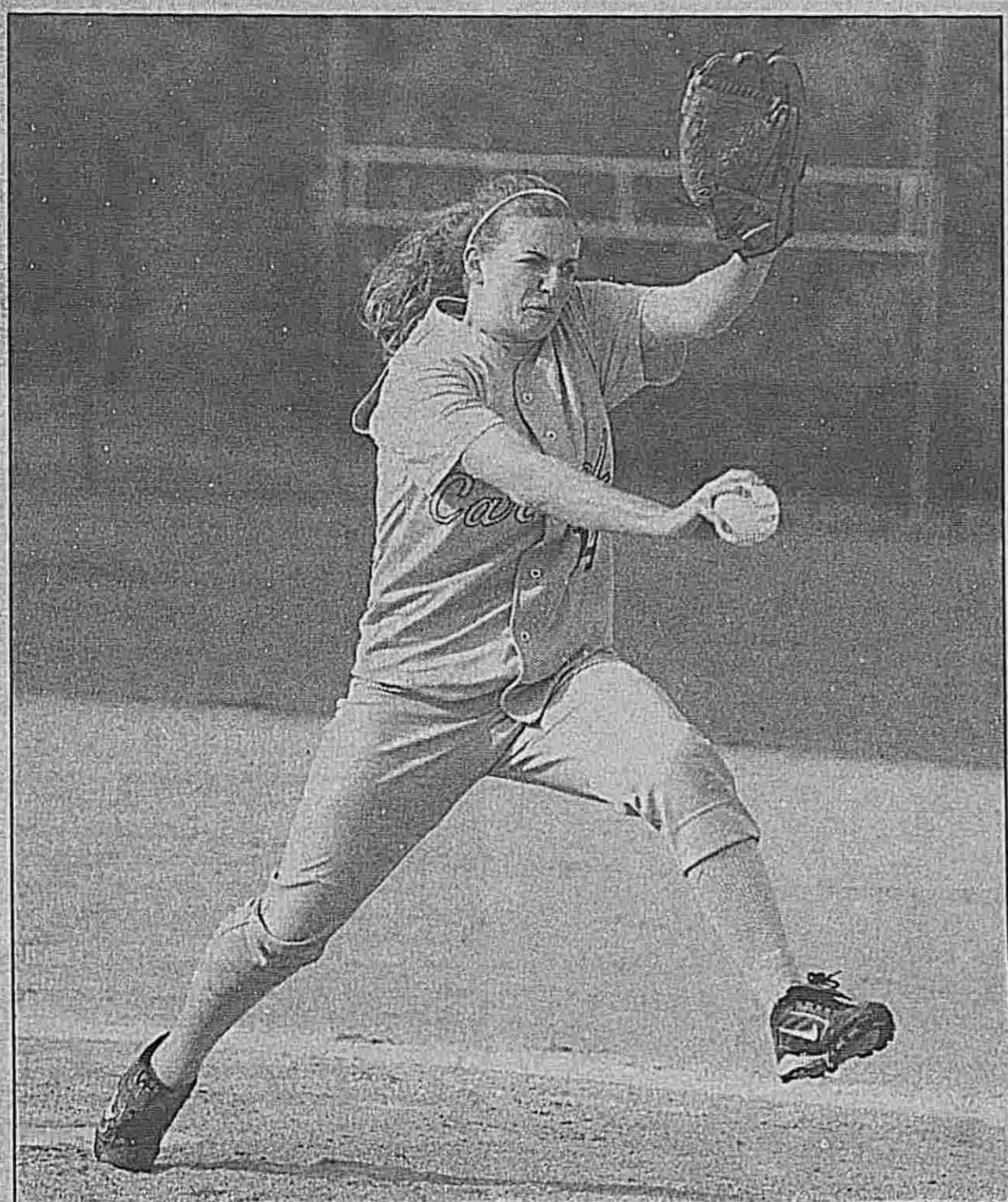


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Carmel High School pitcher Emily Perrenot throws one in during a 9-1 win for the Corsairs over Libertyville.

By Dan Patrick
Sports Reporter

The Carmel Corsairs have long been synonymous with success within the ranks of local girls sports. From the basketball team's Jenny Eckhart to soccer's Kendall Brown, Carmel's young women have turned in some big performances over the years. The softball team has a star of its own in Emily Perrenot.

The senior pitcher has already inked a letter of intent to Bethel College in Indiana and currently stands as Carmel's best weapon on the mound with an 8-5 record—one win short of the Corsairs' entire win total. Monday's 9-1 blowout of the Libertyville Wildcats is a stellar example of Perrenot's play as she struck out nine and allowed a mere three hits in the victory. Carmel coach Jason Raymond attributes

'She's (senior pitcher Emily Perrenot) been throwing her change-up really well this year, she's been getting that over the plate this year and because of that, she's really keeping hitters guessing.'

Jason Raymond
Carmel softball coach

the victory to the strength of his ace's pitching, particularly one pitch that has worked all season long for the senior.

"In (Monday's) game, she threw a change-up early in the game and I think it really got their hitters off-balance," Raymond said. "It

was really effective for her throughout the game having them off balance. She's been throwing her change-up really well this year, she's been getting that over the plate this year and because of that, she's really keeping hitters guessing."

Off-speed is the name of the game in Perrenot's arsenal as her change-up has proven to be unhittable for many area hitters. However, that's not the only weapon in her arsenal.

"Right now, my change-up and my screwball is the best," Perrenot said. "The screwball has a different spin on it every time, either it screws or rises or both at the same time. The spin on it makes it a loopy ground ball or a high pop-up. That's what I like about it is I don't know what it's going to do, but it works."

Perrenot's coach attributes her effectiveness on the mound to the amount of experience she has gained over the years as a Corsair. Her experience not only helps her pitching game, it also helps her team as a whole.

"She's a three-year varsity starter, very experienced, she's been in a lot of close ballgames, a lot of tough ballgames," Raymond said. "She really brings a lot of confidence to our team when she steps on the mound. Everyone feeds off of her."

Despite such accolades from her coach, Perrenot retains an air of modesty about her. According to Perrenot, she wouldn't have any wins if it wasn't for her catcher Jessica Allen calling the shots.

"Jess (Allen) called a great game, I had nothing to do with it," Perrenot said. "She's like 'change-up here, rise there,' and that's what stumped them. I was really excited with the way it turned out."

Perrenot might be humble about her performance, but her team is willing to brag for her. According to Raymond, the Corsairs improve all-around with his ace on the mound—not only from her stellar pitching, but also from her on-field leadership.

"She leads by example, she loves the game, she's passionate about the game, she has fun playing out there and the girls feed off of that," Raymond said. "They want to have fun and they want to do well for her. The defense seems to pick up, she's a great girl, a great leader and a captain on our team. The girls really want to play well for her and they really want to make plays."

As for her beginnings in the sport, Perrenot actually took to softball before she even knew what it was as a friend persuaded her to give the game a shot.

"Actually I lived in Texas and I had a friend that played and she told me that it was cool and it was like baseball because I had no idea what softball was," Perrenot said. "I tried it and I just kept going because I really liked it."

While softball itself was an unknown for her, she knew she was destined for the pitching part of the game as soon as she learned to play. Prior to her tenure on the mound, Perrenot moonlighted as a shortstop and an outfielder.

"I always wanted to pitch, when I was younger, I was in the outfield doing the

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Boys' volleyball

The Corsairs volleyball team was able to defeat the Zion-Benton Zee-Bees 25-11 and 25-19 in straight sets Monday night and Marist 25-16, 23-25 and 25-16 Tuesday to improve to 14-3 on the season.

In the Marist contest, Dan Krzmarzick led the way for Carmel with a fine all-around performance. Krzmarzick led the team with six digs and nine kills and added three service aces for good measure. Tom Hammer and Nick Rill both finished with three blocks as Hammer nabbed two solos and one assist while Rill got the opposite results. Hammer also led offensively, nabbing nine kills in the match. Setter Kyle Kruger also got 16 assists in the victory.

Girls' soccer

Corsair Kendall Brown proved her worth yet again in a close 3-1 victory against Cary-Grove last Thursday. Brown added to her Carmel record for career goals by scoring all three of her team's goals in the contest. Brown scored one goal in the first half off of an assist from Becky Lehman and the remaining two in the second half from assists by Cassie Scaman and Sara Petermann.

Boys' tennis

Carmel manhandled the Zion-Benton Zee-Bees Monday afternoon in a 4-1 victory. Nick Anders was the lone victor for the Corsairs in singles action as he beat his opponent Drew Degler in number one action 6-0 and 6-0 in straight sets while Zion was able to take the other two singles matches.

Doubles was a different story as Carmel won the top three doubles matches and only lost in the no. 4 match. Joey Holguin and Brian Salvi took the number one competition, beating Zion's duo 6-1 and 6-2. Brian Tschanz and Matt Wind and Tim Anastos and Nick Smith's victories mirrored the number one match as Tschanz and Wind won 6-3 and 6-1 while Anastos and Smith won 6-0 and 6-2.

motions," Perrenot said. "I was about hardcore pitching, that's all I wanted to do. It took me two years to get started because I asked my dad and he said, 'If you really want to do this, you're going to have to keep asking me,' and I did."

With her time as a Corsair now waning, Perrenot now has her sights set on the next level. In the meantime, she also wants to help Raymond plant the seeds for Carmel success on into the future.

"I'm just trying to get myself ready for college and I'm trying to set the tone for what I want us to be like for Carmel," Perrenot said. "I want to be a leader and show everybody else out there what needs to happen and what needs to be done."



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Bulldogs on the move in Prairie



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Rick Gaylor, a junior from Grant Community High School, hurls his shot-put while participating in the Boys Track Invitational at Round Lake High School.

By Dan Patrick

Sports Reporter

In the grand scheme of things, bulldogs typically aren't associated with speed, as many of the animals have been relegated to the duty of simply laying beside their owners. The Grant Bulldogs' boys track team, however, is a completely different story.

Just six meets into the season, the Bulldogs have risen to be one of the powerhouses in the North Suburban Conference's Prairie Division. Grant coach Sam Spasojevich is happy with the results of the young 2005 campaign, however, he warns that tougher waters are ahead for the team as the Bulldogs are set to lock horns with perennial powers North Chicago and Libertyville next week.

"Right now we're in second place in the Prairie with a 5-1 overall record," Spasojevich said. "We have some outstanding individuals and we've been able to fill in a few holes that we've had in the past. I'm really happy with what we've done so far, but we've got some big meets coming up that should be a pretty good test for our team."

Tough tests might be ahead for the up-and-coming team, but there are various Bulldogs that seem to have the track I.Q. to ace the quizzes. With a talent-filled roster spread amongst a diversity of events, the red and white should be able to put up some good competition against even the most talented of teams.

"Eric Horvath has been great for us in the 110 high hurdles, but that's basically what we expected out of him coming into the season," Spasojevich said. "He's the county record holder and he set it last year. This season, he's doing pretty well and he's had several times under state-qualifying standards and we're hoping he can keep it up as we head into the latter part of the season."

Horvath isn't the only athlete making a

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Sam Spasojevich
Grant track coach

splash for the Bulldogs and sprinting isn't the team's only specialty. Grant is also strong in the field events, rounding out the team's game plan in big meets.

"We're actually pretty strong in pretty much everything," Spasojevich said. "Chris Rosado, he's a pole vaulter and he's already broken 14'3" for us this season and we're looking forward to what he can do in the conference meet and on into the sectionals. Chris Robinson is also a strong thrower for us. He's thrown 47-feet-10.75-inches in the shot and 130-feet in the discus, so he can also score some big points for us in later meets."

Within Grant's team, it's the "field" part of track and field that has really helped the team along in their successful run this season. However, Spasojevich assures any skeptics his team is not a one-trick horse.

"Right now, our throwers are the strongest, then the hurdles, and pole vault are our three strongest events for us," Spasojevich said. "We can consistently score in all three of those events. They all sort of complement each other and it really helps us out in team meets."

The team might be strong coming into the latter part of the season, but surprisingly, Spasojevich doesn't consider the 2005 unit to be the strongest it's been in recent memory. According to the coach, it's actually his stars

that have carried the team to greatness this season.

"It's a pretty cohesive group and we have a good staff, but we don't have as much depth as we've had for the last few years," Spasojevich said. "But we do have some quality individuals that make up for any problems we might have as a whole."

Senior leadership has been important for the team. The job has been a lot easier for Spasojevich with another voice in the locker room helping to bring the team into meet mode. However, the seniors' voice of authority is a relatively quiet one.

"Obviously, our seniors have been outstanding for us," Spasojevich said. "These guys have really meant a lot to our program and they hold numerous school records in varsity, indoor, outdoor, everything. They give us leadership by example, they're not real 'Ra Ra,' they're there on time for practice on Saturdays or Sundays and it's good for the youngsters to see that."

While the team has a lot to look forward to in the twilight of the 2005 season, the future looks bright as many freshmen have already made names for themselves on the roster.

"We have a few freshmen that have

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Girls' soccer

Grant's soccer team has been on a bit of roll recently as the team is coming off of two straight victories in the last week. Most recent, the Bulldogs defeated Johnsbury 4-2 Monday afternoon on their home turf. Nikki Staton was stellar in the contest, scoring three goals while Pam Staton chipped in a goal for herself. Nikki benefitted from good passing as she took assists from Jessie Stimpson and Amanda Kurtz. Pam decided to take things into her own hands as she scored unassisted off of a corner kick. Goalkeeper Renee Grischeau finished the game with five saves and only allowed two goals.

Grant's earlier victory came at the expense of the Round Lake Panthers as the Bulldogs cruised to the 6-0 win. Again, the two Statons led the way as Nikki led with three goals while Pam finished with two goals. Kurtz also took home a goal of her own in the win. Currently, the Bulldogs stand at 7-4 on the season.

Boys' tennis

The Bulldogs tennis team won a pair of close non-conference matches, bettering both Marengo and Vernon Hills 3-2 Monday and last Thursday. In the Marengo contest, seniors Toby Temple, Brandon Young and Tim Storm all came away with big wins in singles competition. While Marengo was able to take three singles competition, doubles was all Grant. Zach Williams and Alex Marginean won in number one action while Bryan Mack and Eduardo Solis won in number two action. The duos of Robert Beeter and Chris Swihart and Travis Frey and Jayrd Jensen also came away with victories. The team now stands at 7-4 overall and 2-2 in the conference.

Softball

Grant overcame seven errors in a 9-6 win against the Wauconda Bulldogs last Thursday. Grant rode a big five-run fifth inning to take the victory. The team also benefitted from big hitting from numerous Bulldogs. Kariann Hill led the way with a triple and three RBI's while Ashley Precht finished with two triples. Grant coach Erin Notriano was especially proud of Precht's performance in the contest.

"Today was a big day for Precht who was in a bad hitting slump," Notriano said. "I am so proud of her. She worked hard in the cages yesterday and it showed in the game today."

stepped up," Spasojevich said. "We've got guys like Kevin Katjmer and Frank Gianosa. Frank's a sprinter and he helps us while Kevin runs in our 3200-meter relay race."

The team has put up some stellar performances over the course of the season, but Spasojevich is quick to calm any unrealistic expectations for the roster.

"We're looking forward to the county meet, but now we're coming into a stretch of the schedule that should be pretty hard," Spasojevich said. "I don't know if we have the overall team depth to make a run at conference, we'll try to improve upon our last performance. There's a lot of teams that could give us trouble, but we're going to give it our best."

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GRAYSLAKE

Rams pushing toward postseason

By Rob Backus
Sports Editor

Before the season even began, Grayslake's lacrosse team already had a huge mark penciled in the win column. Last March, the Grayslake school board unanimously approved the lacrosse as a school-sponsored sport, ending a three-year quest to make the transition from a club team to a full-fledged program.

It was the first new boys' sport at the high school since soccer was approved 19 years ago. "The season got off to a great start just on that level," said head coach Howard Kravets, who is in his fourth year as head of the program. "It's really a tribute to a lot of people—parents, players and the administration."

In its last season as a club sport, Grayslake took home the Lacrosse Cup in 2004 after winning a tournament made up of first-year varsity programs.

After playing mostly other first-year programs last year, the Rams have amped up their schedule, facing some of the top teams in the state while also competing in the top conference in Illinois.

Although the Rams currently sit at just 6-7 overall, the team has made strides throughout the season. On Tuesday, Grayslake hung tough against two-time defending state champ Loyola Academy before losing 7-5.

"That was another step for us as a program," Kravets said. "It's the first time we've had a close game against an upper-echelon team."

Still, Kravets knows the program has a lot of hard work ahead if it hopes to reach the level of Loyola or New Trier.

"We're playing catch-up," Kravets said. "Until we have junior high kids playing lacrosse, it will be difficult to get to that upper level."

However, what the Rams lack in experience, they more than make up in grit and determination, according to Kravets.

"We're a small team and we're not very fast," Kravets said. "But we're very scrappy and we play with a lot of heart. It's a great group of kids and they work hard. I'm really going to miss this group of seniors."

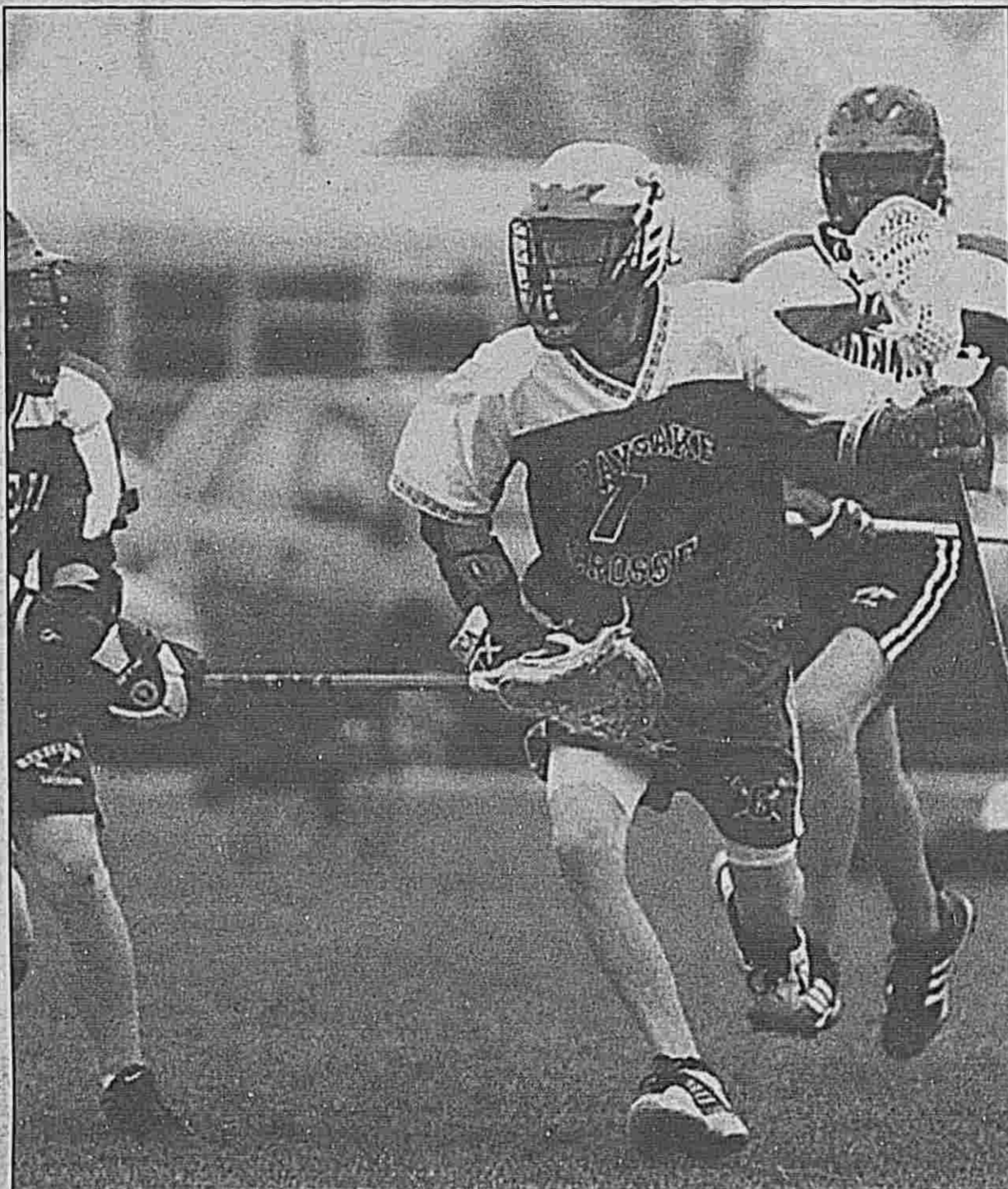
Leading the senior contingent are captains Kyle Dresser and Eric Koziol, along with the third captain, Brandon Hatcher.

"Kyle's 130 pounds soaking wet, but he has a big heart, he's very quick and he has tremendous stick skills," Kravets said. "He also sees the field real well."

After leading the team in scoring last season, Dresser now consistently sees double teams. But despite his lack of goals this season, Dresser feels it's actually helping the team.

"I'm always marked on the field, but that's okay," Dresser said. "Because if the best players are always looking at me, it opens the field up for other players to attack the goal. That's why my assists are way up this year."

Dresser has also given the club another major assist the last three seasons, according to Kravets.



Grayslake High School lacrosse player Kyle Dresser protects his net despite a jab by a Mundelein player during a 6-0 home game win earlier this season at Central Park.

'(that Grayslake has a varsity lacrosse team) is really a tribute to a lot of people—parents, players and the administration.'

Howard Kravets
Grayslake head lacrosse coach

"His biggest value to the program has been off the field," Kravets said. "He's influenced the kids in school to play the game and he's taught the younger kids how to play."

That's because lacrosse has always been a major part of Dresser's life.

"Lacrosse has always been a passion of mine," said Dresser, who moved from New Jersey as a sophomore. "I saw the program was

up-and-coming, and I wanted to do everything I could to help out. And it's been pretty amazing. Now it's gone from just something kids do to something they work all year to improve at."

Perhaps no one personifies that better than Koziol, who Kravets called the most improved player he's seen in four years.

"We had 18 kids my first year and Eric walked in as a freshman and started practicing with juniors and seniors," Kravets said. "His desire to play and grow as a player has been great for the program."

Although Koziol was a bit intimidated at first, he stuck with it and now he's glad he did.

"I love it. We're getting more people every year and it's been a ball," Koziol said. "We're planting seeds for the future."

Koziol is also a tremendous leader for the Rams, according to Kravets.

"He's always positive," Kravets said. "He's a

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Boys' tennis

Grayslake earned a tough non-conference win, defeating Antioch 3-2 on Monday. Neil Lesinski started things off, defeating Antioch's Robbie Scupham 6-0, 6-3.

Ben Putman and Caleb Colar topped Billy Budd and Chase Behrendt 6-1, 7-6 (7-4) at No. 2 doubles and Ryan Schmitke and Jon Klemens provided the decisive win, besting Andy Arondas and Robert Haley 6-2, 6-4 at No. 3 doubles. Tyler Depke and Carl Hauck lost a tough three-setter at No. 1 doubles.

The Rams also picked up another close win last Thursday, topping Fox Valley Conference foe Jacobs 4-3. Lesinski (No. 1 singles), Schmitke (No. 3 singles), Depke and Hauck (No. 1 doubles) and Jake Gilliland and Dane Lund (No. 4 doubles) all won matches for Grayslake.

Girls' track and field

Grayslake finished with just 28 points, well behind Crystal Lake South (79 points) and Dundee-Crown (64) and in a Fox Valley Conference triangular on Monday.

Chelsea Thomas led the Rams, winning the triple jump with a personal-best effort of 32-feet, 3-inches.

Nicole Specht of the Rams won the 100-meter hurdles and teammate Kari Bethke was third in the event. Colleen Centella and Specht ran second and third, respectively in the 300 hurdles.

Morgan Jacquette (2nd) and Jessica Duhig ran well for Grayslake in the mile.

"Some of the team was under the weather tonight, making some gaps difficult to fill," Grayslake coach Sarah Palmberg said.

Softball

Lea Corcoran hurtled a one-hitter to help Grayslake top Zion-Benton 3-1 in a non-conference clash on Monday. The senior did not allow an earned run as she struck out 11 and walked only one in the complete-game effort.

The Rams (8-6) scored all the runs they needed with a in the top of the second inning on an RBI double by Katelyn Blanas and a run-scoring single from Ashley Pugh.

tireless worker in practice and he's a true team player. He's exactly the type of player I want in the program."

Heading down the stretch, Grayslake is right on the bubble of making the playoffs. The top-12 teams in the state make the postseason and there are around 20 teams eligible, meaning the Rams will need some big wins if they want to make the playoffs.

"To make the playoffs this year would be incredible," Kravets said. "We're going to have to pick it up if we want to do it."

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Captains righting Cats' ship

By Dan Patrick

Sports Reporter

If you haven't heard about the Libertyville Wildcats' boys gymnastics team yet, you've probably been caught underneath a rock. Libertyville, along with local rival Mundelein, has consistently stood among the top Illinois high school programs.

Wildcats coach Curt Austin is proud of his team's performance. With his team holding a top ten ranking in the state headed into sectional competition, Austin seems to have a lot to be proud about.

"Right now, they're going really well and we've been pretty consistent," Austin said. "We're holding top eight in the state and we're one of the teams to reckon with in the north. We recently had the senior meet where the seniors put up a 153.1 where I didn't have any all-around. That's pretty impressive and because of that, now we know we have some depth on the team and that's always good late in the season."

'It's been a dream season, it's been nice to have the talent in the gym.'

Curt Austin
Libertyville gymnastics coach

While the Wildcats have been a perennial leader in the boys gymnastics scene, Austin is especially proud of the performance his team has shown during the 2005 campaign. According to Austin, he always knew he had some talent, but his athletes' ability to learn has been the driving force behind this season's success.

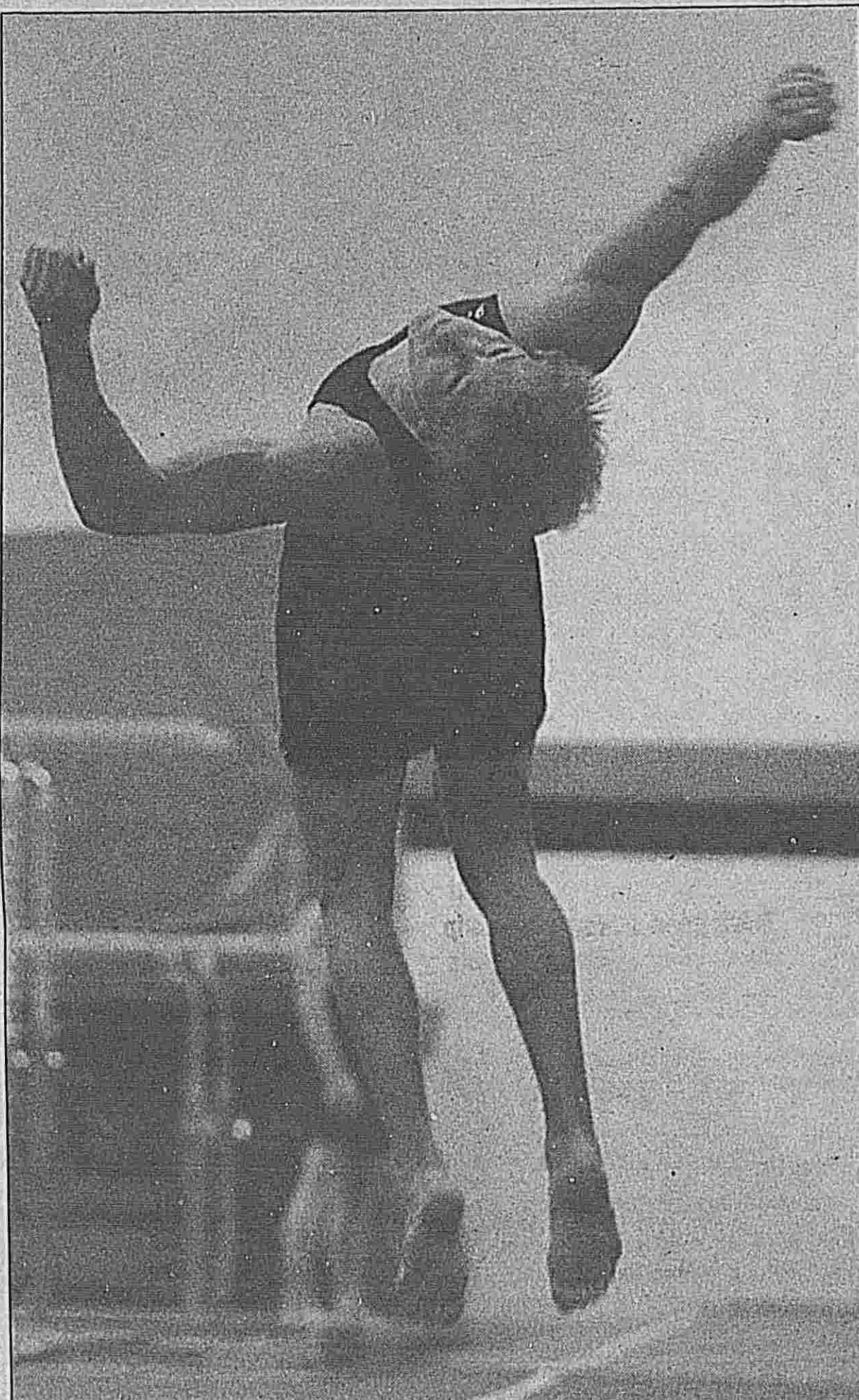
"It's been a dream season, it's been nice to have the talent in the gym," Austin said. "When you have that kind of self discipline with individual athletes it all just snowballs. They just need the exposure of each other's talents, they see something they might like from a teammate and they learn another. The team has grown so much this spring."

Leadership has been a big part in Libertyville's formula for success. With many helpful seniors aiding Austin, the Wildcats are as disciplined as they are talented in gymnastics.

"Peter (Bowling) is a captain and David Wunderlich they work pommel horse, and with some good timing, they can really help us out," Austin said. "My seniors all started as freshmen and they're competing on a state team now. A lot of them have gotten jobs coaching in the club teams they've got a love for the sport they truly enjoy doing gymnastics and that has been really helpful for our team."

Bowling has actually overcome his fair share of adversity this season as he is now coming back to form after spraining both of his ankles during competition. With the role legwork plays in gymnastics, Bowling's injury could have been very risky, but luckily the senior possesses the drive to work himself back to form.

"Peter Bowling, about a month and a half ago sprained both of his ankles and he was off his feet for a long time," Austin said. "Luckily, now he's back tumbling and I'm hoping that if



Libertyville High School's Aaron Austin goes head over heels during his floor exercise routine in a home meet against Lake Park High School.

Photo by Sandy Bressner

he keeps progressing, he'll do some good things for us at sectionals. He's come a long way from the ankle injuries, he's a senior and he's very important to us as a team."

From the beginning of the season, it's actually been the young guns that have carried Libertyville to such impressive heights this season. Among the Wildcats' best, junior Aaron Austin is actually the oldest of the orange and black's all-around performers.

"Our number one and two guys are Devin Regan, who's a freshman superstar and junior Aaron Austin," Austin said. "The great part about this team is I think we're going to be even stronger next year. We've got Scott

Brezinski, Scott's strong in events they aren't good on pommel horse and parallel bars, Sean Somers who works five events for us, he's pretty close to breaking into a sixth event. He's our most consistent performer and he's also a returning state qualifier as a freshman. Eric Smith was a beginner, but now he's scoring scores that could put him in the top ten, his raw talent is phenomenal. With his determination and the time he's put in, now he's competing varsity in one year."

All-around performance has been the strength of the team, and even with so many young performers already producing at a high level, Austin assures that more is on the horizon for the Wildcats.

RoundUp

Softball

The Libertyville softball team has had a tough go of it in recent contests, losing 7-2 to the Zion-Benton Zee-Bees Tuesday and 9-1 to the Carmel Corsairs Monday. In the Zion-Benton game, the Wildcats just could not match the Zee-Bees' run production as Zion scored four runs in the fourth inning alone. All told, four Zion players had extra base hits while no Wildcats were able to reach extra bases on hits. Libertyville's only runs came in the first and the seventh inning. After the loss, the Wildcats drop to 3-11 on the season and 1-6 in North Suburban Lake Conference action. Despite the losses, coach Patti Mascia is finding solace in her team's lack of errors.

"Libertyville is staying strong defensively," Mascia said. "The Lady Cats put up a battle but landed short once again. The good in all of this is that this team never gives up."

Boys' volleyball

While the softball team couldn't beat Zion-Benton, the men's volleyball team exacted some revenge, beating Zion 25-18 and 25-15 in straight sets Tuesday night to improve to 7-3 and 3-1 in the North Suburban. Ryan LaForce led the team with 6 kills and 11 digs while Wes Moran and Jason Paplaski led the team with three blocks apiece. Setter Jake Anderson finished with 16 assists to also lead the Wildcats.

Girls' track and field

The Wildcats girls track team split a double dual meet against Zion-Benton and Lake Forest Monday afternoon. Libertyville narrowly defeated Zion 82-65 in their meet, winning in the 400-meter, 800-meter, 1,600-meter races and in both the 800-meter and 3,200-meter relays. Zion controlled the field events, taking every event except for the discus and pole vault.

The Wildcats weren't so lucky in the meet against Lake Forest, losing 96-61. Libertyville was only able to take away victories in the 400-, 800-, and 1,600-meter relay races. The field events weren't much better as Libertyville only won the discus event.

"Brendan Steffens has been working five events, but he's been a solid figure on high bar, pommel horse and parallel bars, he's been able to be strong we're ranked in the top two or three in those events," Austin said. "Another newcomer is Erich Schmitz and he started out the year with all the skills and the tricks and he's learned to compete. He didn't know how to express himself in the routine. He's becoming a pretty good competitor and he's only going to get better with time."

With so much talent on tap for both this season and on into the future, Austin has had a problem many coaches would be proud to have - too much talent.

"I'm actually trying to settle myself down," Austin said. "When you're hosting meets and doing well, you've got to draw the line because you get so wound up. I need to take a step back and let the kids do their jobs. We want to go to state, if we can train right and do our routines, we'll get there, but if not, we'll be even better in the future."

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Mustangs trampling opposition



Mundelein High School catcher Nick Ustanko tags a Grant Community High School player out at home during a 2-1 win for the Mustangs in Mundelein.

By Dan Patrick
Sports Reporter

Sports powerhouses are tough to build. Everything from recruiting players, to coaching them and then the eventual competition all have to work like a fine-tuned machine in order to build a dynasty.

And if building a contender is tough, rebuilding one is next to impossible.

But for the 10-8 Mundelein Mustangs baseball team and coach Todd Parola, rebuilding has come relatively naturally. After a tough 2004 campaign, the Mustangs have improved since last season and have bettered their game since the beginning of 2005.

"I've been really happy after we got back from the spring trip," Parola said. "We lost some tough ones down there, but since then we've played some pretty good baseball overall and we're trying to get better at all facets of the game. So far, we've played pretty decent."

While regaining their status as a state power might be relatively far into the future, moving back into contention with the North Suburban Conference is already on the horizon. Standing at 1-1 in NSC action at this point in the season, the Mustangs are in the thick of conference action, however, Parola warns that the work is far from over.

"I think we're doing really good. We're right in the hunt, we split with Warren, who's one of the preseason favorites in our conference," Parola said. "But we've got a big week ahead of us. We've got a crucial double header on

'We're feeling great, last year was a down year for us, but this year, everybody's coming around. We have good senior leadership and everybody's doing their role to get better.'

Matt Tye
Mundelein pitcher

Saturday against Libertyville."

In order for the Mustangs to return to contention, Parola and his staff needs talent. Numerous veterans have already stepped up for Mundelein, particularly in the form of Mustang hurlers.

"(Kevin) Sashko and (Matt) Tye have done a nice job for us on the mound, they've been consistent, they're not overpowering, but they've done a nice job," Parola said. "Tommy Shaver's emerged offensively for us and Matt Tye as well. Offensively, they've both done a nice job and got some key RBI's in some key situations."

According to Tye himself, the players have really come into their own over the course of the season. Tye, a senior, attributes the team's recent success to veteran leadership from his Class of 2005. This sort of play has helped heal the wounds from a lackluster 2004 season.

"We're feeling great, last year was a down year for us, but this year, everybody's coming

around," Tye said. "We have good senior leadership and everybody's doing their role to get better."

Gaining the top spot in the NSC remains a goal for the Mundelein squad and Tye and his teammates truly believe the Mustangs can regain the conference throne they enjoyed for so many years in the past, that is, if they play their cards right.

"Winning conference is always our goal and this year, everybody's got a shot," Tye said. "It's up in the air, really. Everybody's either 2-1 in the conference, 2-0, 1-1, so no one's really a stunner team."

Mundelein has been on a real roll as of late, winning seven of its last nine games. With such a great improvement over the beginning of the season, both players and coaches said the team has really hit the sweet spot in the season. With a good mixture of skill and luck, the Mustangs can continue their success.

"I felt confident, we've played well, I think we're playing the best baseball of the year, we had a rough couple of innings, but if we just played like this for the rest of season, we should be fine," Tye said.

If the team is going to continue rolling through the NSC ranks, Mundelein must learn to deal with adversity - weather it's from their own playing errors or difficult weather. Within Wednesday's game against the Grant Bulldogs, the team had its fair share of weather on a cold and rainy day. Despite the weather difficulties, Parola actually wanted to see what his team could do with the difficult environment.

RoundUp

Softball

The Mustangs softball team continued its dominance Tuesday afternoon in a big 8-1 North Suburban Conference crossover victory against the Grant Bulldogs to improve to 12-4 on the season. Mundelein's squad blasted out of the gates in the contest, scoring five runs in the top of the first alone. The Mustangs then added three more runs in the sixth and seventh innings to make it official.

Mundelein's offense was fueled by extra-base hits from Katie Randau, Ana Antonetti and Erica Harris. Randau bagged a triple in the contest while Antonetti and Harris both came away with doubles. Katie Scott was the team's most consistent offensive threat as she was 2-for-3 with an RBI. Mustang hurler Lauren Ott certainly did her part as she finished with nine Ks in a complete game.

Boys' gymnastics

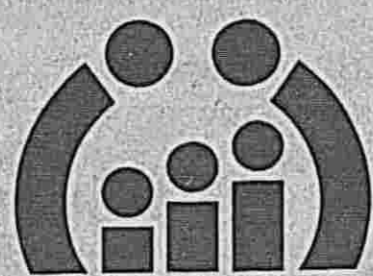
Mundelein had a good senior night last Friday, winning their final regular season meet against Stevenson 157.2 to 141.9. The Mustangs and the Patriots have long been rivals amongst the top of the IHSA's boys' gymnastics ranks, but Mundelein came out the winner in the meet. The contest was hotly contested throughout as the two squads split events. Mundelein was at its best in the still rings and floor exercise competitions as the black and red swept the top three spots in the still rings and took the top two spots on the floor.

Senior Jeremy Mich won the floor exercise with a score of 9.4 while Matt Fluhr took second with a 9.35 score. Joe Ucen, Fluhr and Nolan Pactol swept the still rings competition as Ucen finished with a 9.1, Fluhr with a 9.0 and Pactol rounded out the trio with an 8.5 score. Mundelein's final win came on the back of Ucen as he took the parallel bars with a 9.5 score while Fluhr finished third with a 9.0 score.

"It definitely changed things a little bit, it looked like we were going to get stormed on, but it never happened," Parola said. "I wish we would have put the ball in play a little bit more than what we did. I think it would have been interesting throwing the ball around with a wet ball. Unfortunately offensively, we didn't get it done."

While the cold was difficult for the players, it didn't shake them from the original goal of the game as the Mustangs got the 3-1 victory. Regardless of the weather conditions, Tye insists better days are ahead for his team.

"I'm feeling good, really comfortable," Tye said. "I think I'm seeing the ball well at the plate and I'm getting ahead of the hitters. Everybody on the team is really coming together too, so I think we're all having a good year. Hopefully we'll win in conference."



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Young Panthers trying to grow

By Dan Patrick

Sports Reporter

Round Lake has long been known for its troubles on the playing field – mostly due to a lack of off-season training, which has become a staple in many other varsity programs around the state. The boys tennis team has followed suit in their general lack of experience, however, coach Pat Costello and his team has done a fabulous job of playing the hand they were given.

"We're kind of finding our way as we go along," Costello said. "We're using a lot of different lineups and we're just trying to find what works with the players we have."

As Costello works to find the formula for success with the ingredients he's been given, his main gripe with the team is only his players' lack of general experience.

"If we played more in the off-season, it would really help the team out," Costello said. "We lack experience and we're actually gaining our experience while playing in tennis matches and that's not like other teams that do their learning in the off-season."

Experience might be a problem but talent is certainly not lacking within the Round Lake ranks. According to Costello, the Panthers all stand at same skill level and have been able to grow together as a unit.

"We actually have a lot of players with similar ability," Costello said. "All in all, we have 11 players who are all similar in the skill and we're just trying to find who plays the best in what spot."

Correct positioning isn't the only thing Costello and his players have been working on. Due to the general lack of tennis experience, Costello has been forced to build players from the ground up. So far, he is happy with the results.

"We try and work on fundamentals, being in the right spot at the right time," Costello said. "When we do that, we're competitive, but when we don't do that, that's when we get beat. Because of that, they're starting to buy into the system rather than playing just because I tell them to play that way and now they're doing much better."

While the team might be lacking in the overall win column, Costello is happy with the effort the Round Lake squad has shown. As a result of their hard work, many matches have been decided in the final games. A loss might still be a loss, but close losses give the Panthers something to rally around.

"It's been close in a lot of our matches and it's good when you're able to compete like that," Costello said. "We've had a number of close losses and we're right there with a lot of teams. We lost 3-2 to Wauconda and some other teams. It's been close, every time and it's been fun for our team to get so close like that."

One sweet win came against a team that is in a similar position as the Round Lake team. The Mundelein Mustangs feature only three upper-classmen and the Panthers were able to

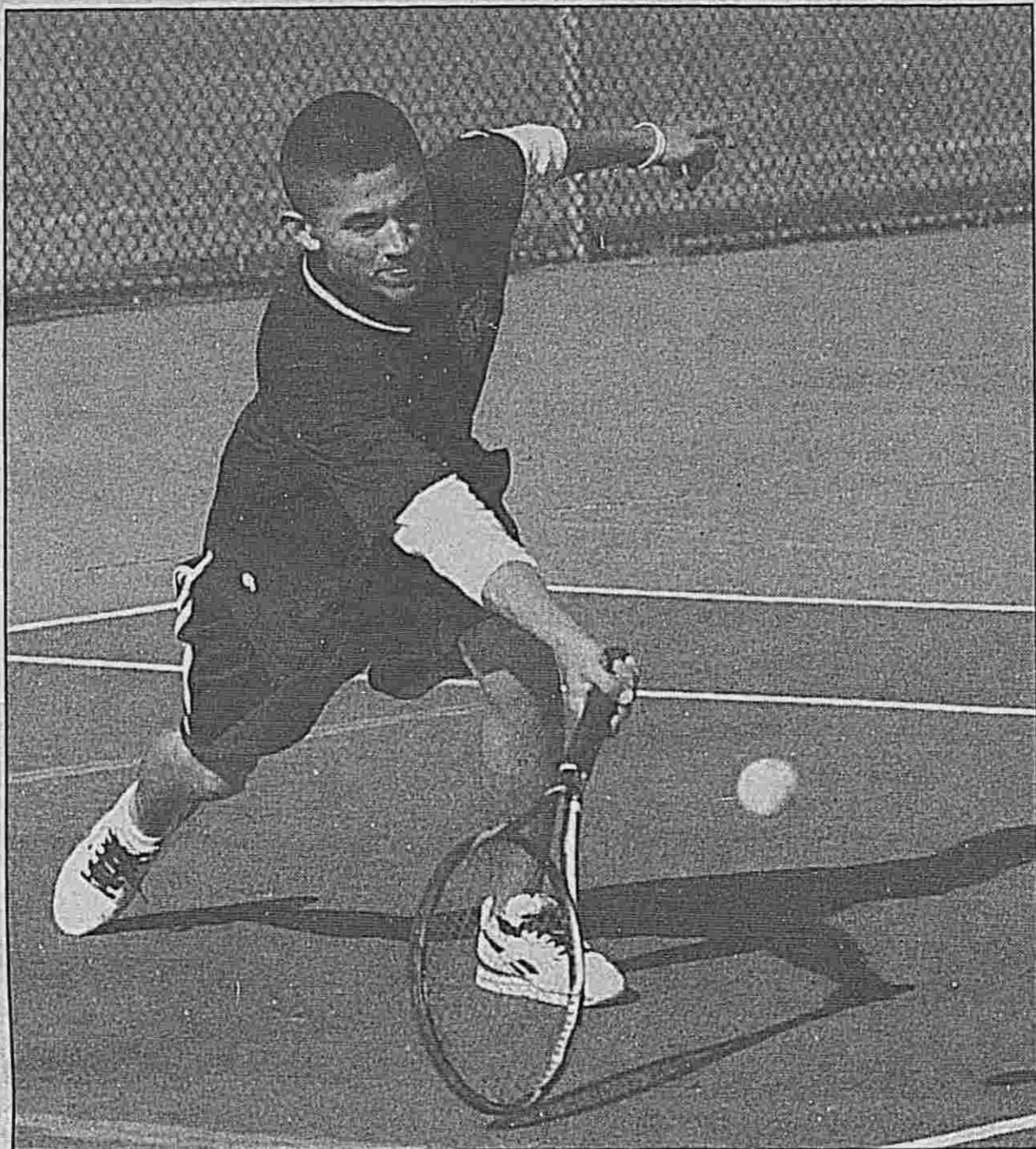


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Cesar Gomez, a senior at Round Lake High School, dives in to return the volley in the tennis match between Round Lake and Wauconda High Schools.

'We're kind of finding our way as we go along. We're using a lot of different lineups and we're just trying to find what works with the players we have.'

Pat Costello
Round Lake tennis coach

take home the victory.

"We actually won 4-1 against Mundelein and that was good for the team," Costello said. "Mundelein's kind of in the same position that we're in - They were young, we were young and luckily, we came away with the victory. In our side of the division, we've been competitive all season long and that's definitely good for our morale."

Experience might be a premium for

Round Lake, but numerous Panthers have found their way to success. Cesar Gomez has surpassed expectations as he is undefeated in dual meets thus far.

"Some of the players have really stepped up for us this year," Costello said. "Cesar Gomez is our number one singles guy and he's 3-0 in dual meets and that's pretty impressive. He's had some matches where he's had to come back from behind so he really knows when to turn it on."

Gomez isn't the only Panther enjoying success as Costello's doubles unit has also done some great things for the navy and gold.

"Anthony Beaudion and Marvin Delotta are in our number one doubles team and they both hit the ball very well," Costello said. "They're learning to play as a unit and it's been really good to see them get used to each other's playing style."

According to Costello, good things are in the immediate future for Round Lake as the team enters into the latter part of the season.

"We played Stevenson and we were able to

RoundUp

Softball

The Panthers' softball woes have continued as Lake Forest stormed out to a 9-0 lead by the third inning Tuesday. The deficit proved to be too deep for the 2-13 Round Lake team to recover.

On Lake Forest's end, Megan Christensen hit a three-run home run in the third inning to lead the Scouts. Unfortunately, Christensen's hit alone gave Lake Forest three more runs than the entirety of the Panthers' offense.

Outfielder Laura Daily had a close call in the game as she was hit directly in the eye with a batted ball during warm-ups. Despite the injury, Daily was able to get a hit in her first at-bat in the game and did not commit an error within the contest.

Boys' track and field

The Panthers were unable to take away the victory against the Wauconda Bulldogs in a dual meet Tuesday afternoon. The Bulldogs took the meet 75.5 to 51.5 thanks to strong relay races for Wauconda. On Round Lake's end, the Panthers were able to land a few punches in the meet. Victor Gomez won the 800-meter run while Caesar Moore and Anthony Jones took the top two spots in the 400-meter dash. Moore also proved to be a worthy competitor within the 200-meter dash as well, taking the competition with a time of 22.75-seconds. Round Lake was also able to do some good things within the field competitions the team won in the shot put competition and the high jump.

Round Lake will return to action in a dual meet against the Warren Blue Devils and the Vernon Hills Cougars.

Girls' soccer

The Round Lake Panthers soccer team was shut out against the Grant Bulldogs in a 6-0 loss last Thursday. While Grant's two goals in the first half were enough for the win, the Bulldogs didn't turn on the after-burners until the second half as they put up four points in the latter stanza.

really play with them," Costello said. "After that match, we knew there really isn't anybody we can't compete with. We're looking forward to remaining matches, after now we're playing some teams that I think we can actually get some wins against."

Hopefully, the team will come away with some wins during this portion of the schedule. In the meantime, simple improvement remains the focus.

"We're getting better and better, things are starting to show actual scoring results and that really makes me happy," Costello said. "I'm really happy with the way they've worked. We're young and it'll just get better."



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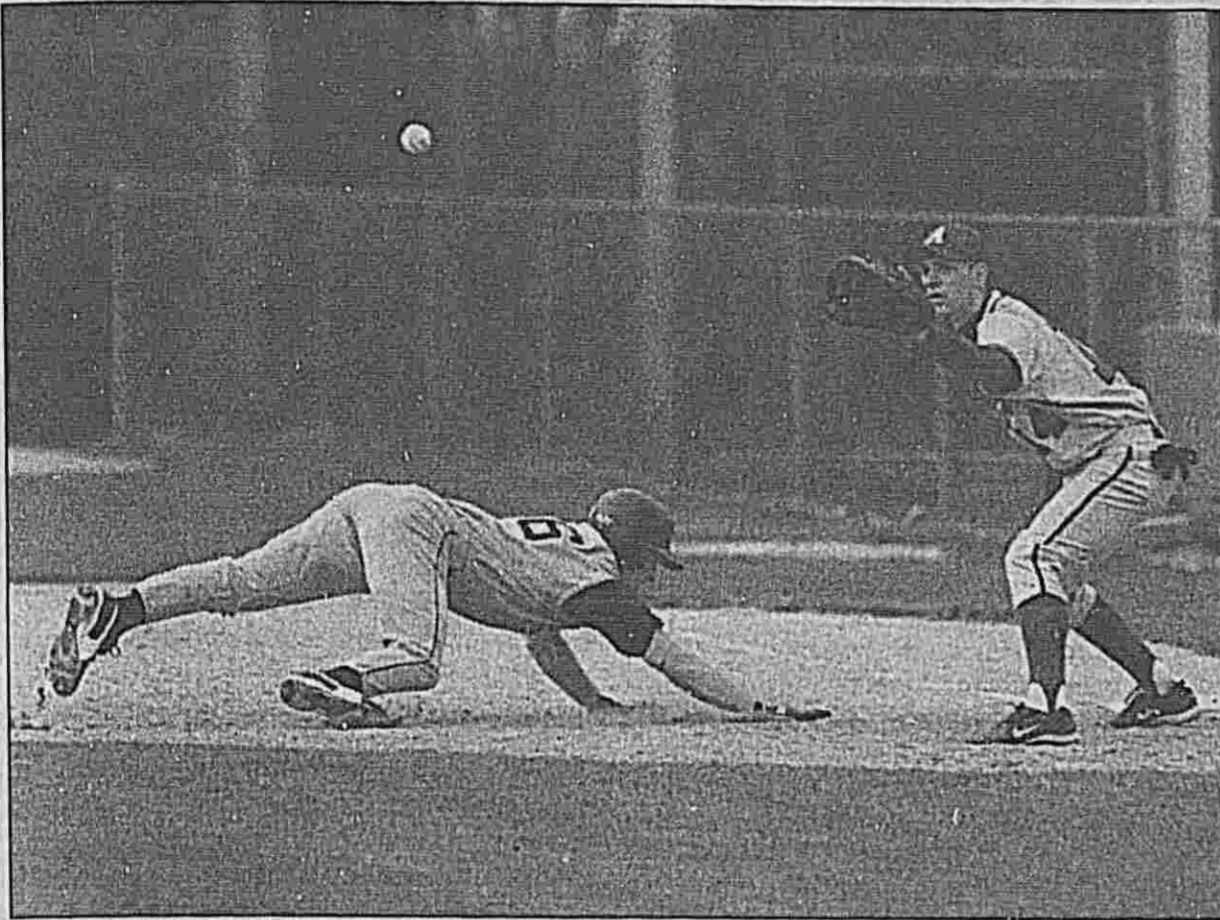
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WARREN



Devils striving for perfection



Warren Township High School's Kevin Pollard slides into first base on a pick-off attempt in a game against Antioch Community High School on Monday. The Devils won the game 8-4.

By Rob Backus
Sports Editor

It's been a case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde for Warren's baseball team this season. There's been the good—like when the Devils out-dueled a solid Waukegan team in the season's first weekend; the bad—getting swept in a doubleheader by Carmel just days later; and the ugly—committing eight errors in a loss to Mundelein earlier this month.

Now Warren coach Dar Townsend isn't sure which team will show up on any given day.

"We've had a lot of inconsistency," Townsend said. "We just need to play seven solid innings and we haven't done that yet."

Going into the season, Townsend thought his team would have to be carried in the early going by its pitching and defense before the hitting caught up. He was almost right.

"As we thought, the pitching has been real solid," Townsend said. "But we're still making too many mistakes defensively. We haven't executed offensively or defensively. We keep shooting ourselves in the foot."

But it's not as bad as it seems. With a win over Antioch on Monday Warren moved to 7-6 overall, so the season has been by no means a disaster.

'They've both (Seniors Nick Zupec and Matt Skilling) played great defense for us this year. They both have excellent speed and they've made some tough catches. They both run well, and anything they get to, they'll catch.'

Dar Townsend
Warren baseball coach

"We're still striving for the perfect game, we just haven't reached it," Townsend said. "I think we're capable of playing it. The kids are working real hard at it right now; we'll get there."

While the infield defense has struggled mightily, the outfield play has been Warren's saving grace. Seniors Nick Zupec and Mark Skilling have been key in the outfield, flanking center fielder Mark Mirretti.

"They've both played great defense for us this year," Townsend said of Zupec and Skilling. "They both have excellent speed and they've made some tough catches. They both run well, and anything they get to, they'll catch."

"We both just try to give 100 percent effort on every ball," Skilling said.

Defensive prowess isn't the only thing the duo has in common.

"They're like peas in a pod," Townsend said. "They excel academically and on the field. They're the exact type of kids you'd want in the program."

Both are in the top-10 academically in Warren's senior class, with Zupec the president of the National Honor Society and Skilling the vice president.

"We're like brothers," Zupec said. "We've been best friends for almost three years. We have a lot of the same classes, we play baseball together and we hang out on the weekends."

About the only difference you'll find between the two, according to Skilling, is their choice of baseball teams.

"I'm a die-hard Cubs fan and he's a (White) Sox fan," Skilling said. "But we have a special connection; we're so similar in and out of school."

Zupec has proven to be a jack of all trades for the Devils, providing excellent outfield defense, speed in the leadoff spot and even a few innings on the mound.

"I'm willing to do whatever it takes to help the team," Zupec said. "We're all working hard right now and we're looking to turn the corner as a team."

Zupec has shown no ill effect from making the transition from infield to the outfield, according to Townsend.

"He played infield last year, but with his speed we looked to move him to the outfield," Townsend said. "He has a real good swing and he's a battler at the plate. He puts the ball in play and puts pressure on the defense. And his defense has just been excellent."

Hitting first in the lineup, Zupec knows it's key for him to have as many good at-bats as possible.

"My goal is to see as many pitches as possible so my teammates can see them and the ump's strike zone," Zupec said. "After that, I just try to get on base and give my teammates a chance to knock me in."

Zupec, who throws with an unorthodox submarine delivery from the mound, has enjoyed the opportunity to pitch.

"Pitching has been a lot of fun," Zupec said. "I'm hoping for more time (on the mound) as my accuracy improves."

While Zupec has emerged as a solid varsity player, Skilling has been his usual steady self over the past two seasons.

"He's real consistent and he doesn't make mistakes," Townsend said. "He's a good line-drive hitter and he makes good contact. Like Nick, he relies on putting the ball in play and letting his speed take over."

With key pieces in place like Skilling and Zupec, Townsend is convinced his team can get on a roll.

"Our inconsistency isn't from lack of effort," Townsend said. "We just need to get on a roll and get some confidence and I think we will."

RoundUp

Baseball

Warren improved to 8-6 overall with a 13-4 non-conference win over Round Lake on Tuesday. Brian Behnke evened his record at 1-1 on the season, giving up two runs on three hits with six strikeouts over three innings.

Mario Perez (3 innings, 2 runs, 5 hits, 4 K's) and Ryan Anderskow (1 inning, 1 hit, 2 K's) also pitched in the contest. Adam Worthington homered in his second straight game to key Warren's offense.

Behind seven strong innings and a homer from Worthington, the Devils also defeated Antioch 8-4 on Monday. Worthington had 10 strikeouts in the contest. Vinnie Vitale, Mark Deason, Sean Lavery and Nick Zupec all added doubles.

Boys' volleyball

Warren jumped out to a 5-1 lead over Vernon Hills on Monday, thanks to the serving of Mike Emerick (4 aces), but the Cougars came back to close the deficit to 9-8. Timely serving again by Kyle Pearson, Jason Drake (2 aces) and Eric Gustavson (2 aces) gave the Devils the 25-12 win.

The bottom fell out in game two as Warren fell behind 17-5 before staging a comeback to cut the lead to 22-18. However, Vernon Hills held on 25-18.

Warren again raced out to a 7-2 lead in game three before the Cougars cut it to 19-18. But Drake's four kills and Pearson's five assists helped the Devils persevere 25-22.

Nick Redding led the Devils with nine kills and two blocks, while Drake (6 kills, 11 assists, 8 digs), Eric Bodine (5 kills), Eric Michel (5 kills), Gustavson (11 digs), Mike Khayat (6 digs) and Sami Hanna (6 digs) also had solid matches.

We're still working on maintaining intensity throughout the whole match," said Warren assistant coach Kim Paasch, whose team improved to 15-4 with the win. "We're very all or nothing right now, so we're having some trouble closing out matches in two games. Tough serving helped us get the victory, though, and it's never good to complain too much about a win."

Softball

The Devils continued their tear over the NSC Prairie division, crushing Round Lake 15-1 in five innings on Tuesday. Danielle Henry (2 hits, 3 walks, 5 K's) got the win as Warren improved to 8-10. The Devils pounded out 15 hits, led by Brittany Jones' homer and a 4-for-5 performance from Carley Karowski, who also added two runs, three RBI and a steal.

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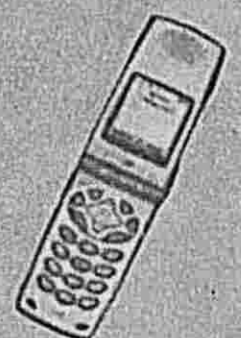
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Bulldogs rewriting record books

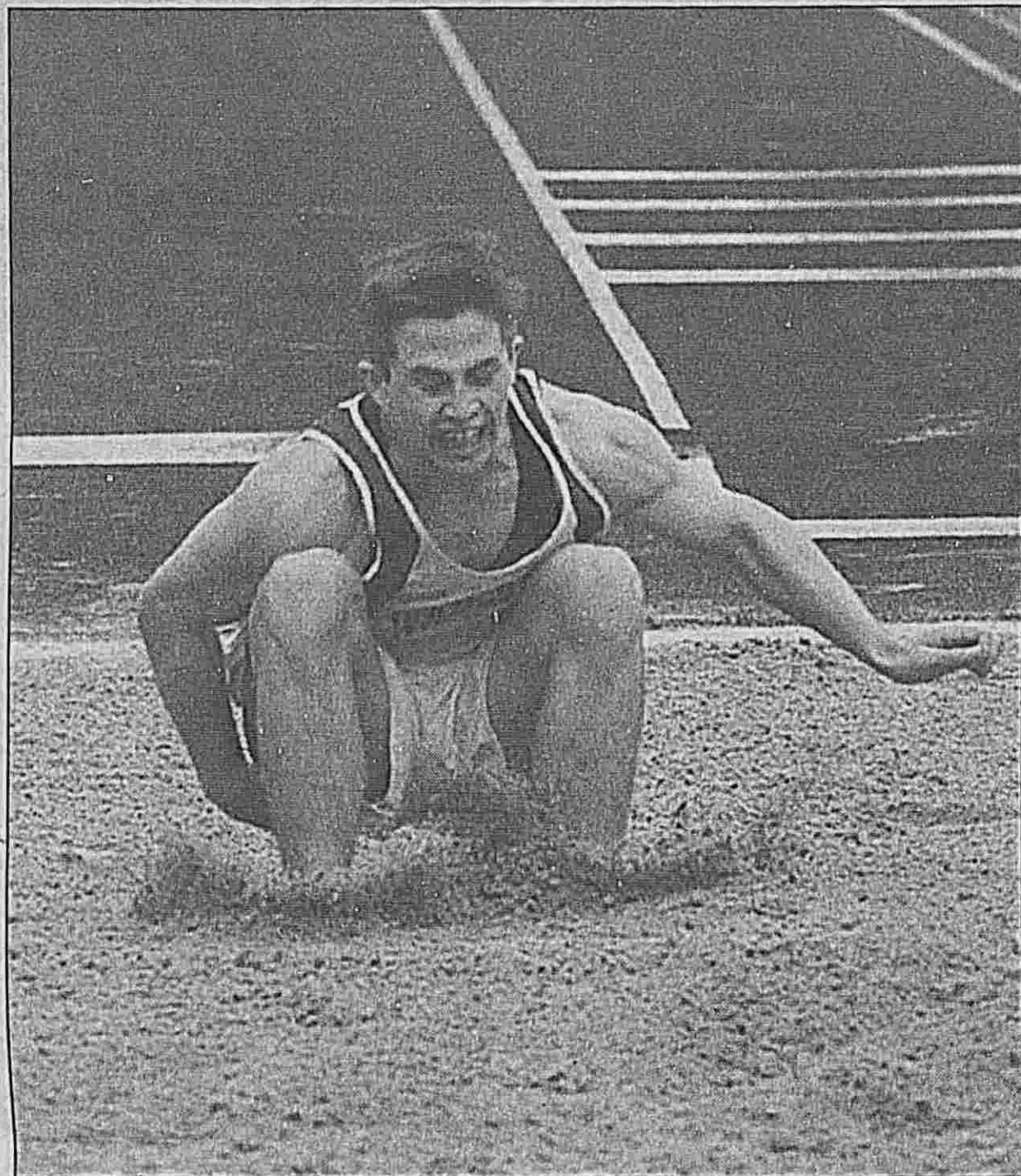


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Anthony Brown, a junior at Wauconda High School, securing second place in the long jump in the Boys Track Invitational at Round Lake High School.

By Dan Patrick
Sports Reporter

Triumph has become a regular word in Bulldog track coach Megan Zemanek's daily vocabulary. Given the success of numerous Wauconda track stars, few could blame Zemanek for her enthusiasm.

Over the course of the 2005 season, Bulldog record books have been rewritten by savvy young stars eager to make their mark on the Wauconda program. With six meets left in the season, Zemanek expects some more records to fall before she even begins to think about 2006.

"We've had some real individual successes this season with a lot of school records being broken," Zemanek said. "Bill Cheng just broke a record in the 100-meter that's stood since 1964. He finished 10.6 and the old record was at 10.9, so that's pretty impressive."

Cheng's shattering of a 41 year-old record is quite impressive; however, he's not the only one toppling past standards. Bulldog hurdler Chris Gehrke has not only broken long-standing records set by past Wauconda athletes, but has improved upon his own performances, changing everything in the Bulldog record books except his name.

"Chris Gehrke broke his own record in the 300-meter hurdles," Zemanek said. "In the beginning of the season, it was at 41.2 now he's taken it down a full second to 40.2 and he just keeps taking it down this season."

Both athletes have risen to such impressive heights through a rigorous regimen of workouts in the off-season. Surprisingly, Cheng's speed has come on the heels of a tough injury as he worked to recover from a hamstring injury last season.

"He and (Josh) Patterson worked out a lot between football and track and they did a lot of stuff on their own," Zemanek said. "They worked on weights and speed and the two of

them pushed each other in the off-season. He placed second overall, and then pulled his hamstrings on the final jump. But he's been able to rehabilitate and do well for us."

Despite the injury, the sprinter has actually been moonlighting with record time for quite a while. The key to finally toppling the mark was simply in the blocks.

"He's always gotten close to the record, hugging around 11 seconds and it was probably our warmest day at Grant," Zemanek said. "He was working on his starts, he also had some great competitions. He came back for sectionals he pulled his hamstrings, the month of May he was out last year."

In order to gain the record, Zemanek said her sprinter had to do everything but think about the record itself. Numbers are just numbers, but they can weigh heavily on the minds of runners before a race. Luckily, that was the last thing on Cheng's mind as he nullified four decades of one former Bulldog's reign.

"He's (Cheng) worked really hard, and he had a fantastic day and just ran it without getting focused on any records or things like that," Zemanek said. "When he just goes out and does it, he does so well. When he gets caught up in the mechanics, that's when he falters. He's a junior and I know he's got lots of plans for state this year."

While speed has long been a prerequisite within the young man's game, the record was certainly unexpected.

"He knew he ran fast after the race, but when we learned his time, we were like, 'Oh my Gosh,'" Zemanek said. "It was a real surprise for both of us and it was really impressive for him."

'We've had some real individual successes this season with a lot of school records being broken,' Zemanek.'

Megan Zemanek
Wauconda track coach

Individual success has certainly come in spades for the Bulldogs, but the Wauconda team as a whole hasn't done badly either. Another record might also fall for the Bulldogs, as Cheng and senior teammate Josh Patterson are both challenging the school record in the triple jump competition.

"We missed first place to Grayslake in our last meet by just a few points, but we medaled in each event," Zemanek said. "They're both close to our school record and I'm pretty sure it's going to fall pretty soon."

As with many other successful teams around the area, leadership remains an important aspect of a winning team. For Zemanek, the class of 2005 has given the coaching staff some help in the task of improving the Bulldogs as a unit.

RoundUp

Baseball

The Bulldogs baseball team could not come up with the runs in a 7-0 shutout at the hands of the Stevenson Patriots Tuesday afternoon. Wauconda's offense lagged throughout the contest as the Bulldogs could only muster three hits thanks to tough pitching by Stevenson starter Kirby Smith and closer Mike Hussey. As much as Stevenson's pitching unit prospered in the contest, Wauconda's senior hurler Chris Hernandez had troubles, giving up nine hits and two home runs.

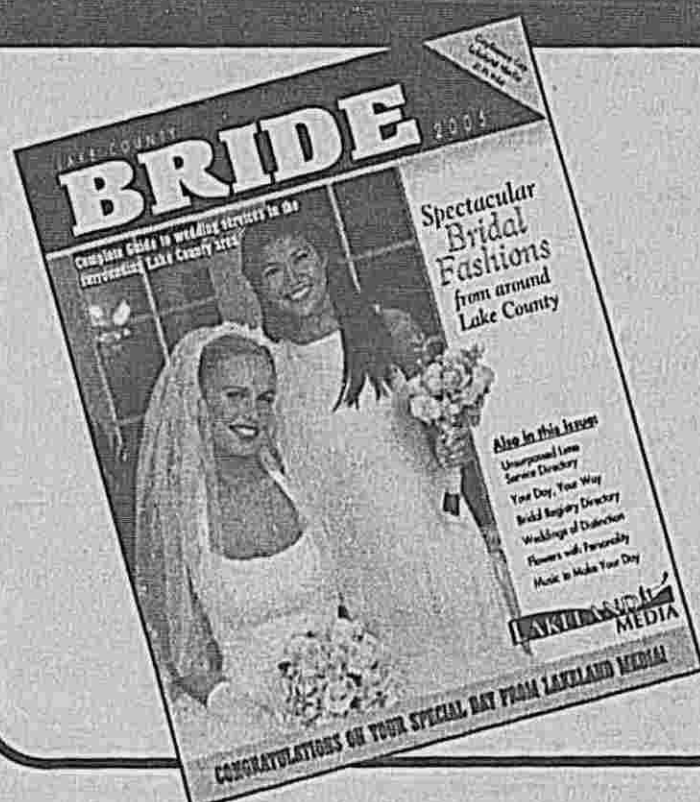
Softball

Wauconda's softball team suffered through a similar outcome as the Stevenson Patriots won 7-2 Tuesday. Area storms truly rained on the Bulldogs' parade as Patriot starter Katie Rotert loaded the bases in the first inning by hitting a batter and walking two before the game was postponed by 45 minutes. After the delay, Rotert was able to pitch out of the jam. The Bulldogs' only runs came in the sixth inning to cut Stevenson's lead to 3-2. Unfortunately, the Patriots didn't even truly start until the seventh inning as the Patriots scored four in the final stanza.

Boys' track and field

The Bulldogs had a good outing in a dual meet against the Round Lake Panthers and North Chicago Monday afternoon. Overcoming the unseasonably cold weather proved to be an easy task for Wauconda as they defeated the Panthers 75.5 to 51.5 and manhandled North Chicago 98 to 37. Wauconda stars Bill Cheng, Kris Gehrke and Josh Patterson continued their tear through area teams as all three athletes won their respective events. Cheng won in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.21 seconds and also took the long jump competition with a 19-foot-9-inch jump. Gehrke won in both hurdles events, taking the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 16.09 seconds and won the 300-meter low hurdles with a 42.97-second run. Patterson continued his dominance in the triple jump, winning with a distance of 40-feet-5-inches, beating out Cheng by more than two feet.

"Otherwise, the team as a whole has great teamwork and the leadership has been great from our captains Josh Patterson, Tom Bacon, Mike Ricchio and Ben Witte," Zemanek said. "They all lead by example and they're an extension of the coaches. They take the team, whether it's warming up and making sure people have whatever they need to get ready. They will be definitely missed after this season."



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WAUKEGAN



Pitching, defense spark Bulldogs

By Rob Backus

Sports Editor

Three years ago, in Waukegan softball coach Shane Schueneman's first season, his team won just four games. Last season the Bulldogs were victorious just five times.

While Schueneman expected a bit more progress this season, he never thought things would be going this well. With a 10-5 record, Waukegan has already won more games than in the two previous seasons combined. And Schueneman couldn't be happier.

'She's (Nicole Holland) not going to hit for a lot of power, but she's a real solid hitter. She's consistent at the plate and she sprays the ball all over the field. She hits a lot of line drives.'

Shane Schueneman
Waukegan softball coach

"The season is going real well," Schueneman said. "We beat Maine South on the road and I can't remember the last time that happened. We've made a big jump as a team."

Although Waukegan isn't quite ready to compete for a Central Suburban League title, according to Schueneman, he was just pleased that they're competing in the always-tough conference.

Pitching, hitting and defense has always been the holy trinity in softball. Most teams can compete with two of the three working, but the Bulldogs have fared well in all three aspects of the game.

"We've been playing real good defense and the pitching has been solid," Schueneman said. "And, we're doing all right offensively. We're hitting about .270 as a team, but we're getting a lot of two-out clutch hits. And Nicole Holland and Liz Colver are hitting the ball well in the middle of the order."

As a junior, Holland tore up the CSL at a .520 clip and hit .397 overall, earning second-team All-Lake County honors in the process. This season she's proving that was no fluke, as she's currently hovering around the .400 mark.

"She's not going to hit for a lot of power, but she's a real solid hitter," Schueneman said. "She's consistent at the plate and she sprays the ball all over the field. She hits a lot of line drives."

Most hitters try to clear their minds in the batter's box, simply trying to focus on the coming pitch. Holland's approach at the plate is exactly the opposite.

"Depending on the day, a billion things will race through my mind," Holland said. "But if I'm having a really good day, I'm pretty relaxed up there."

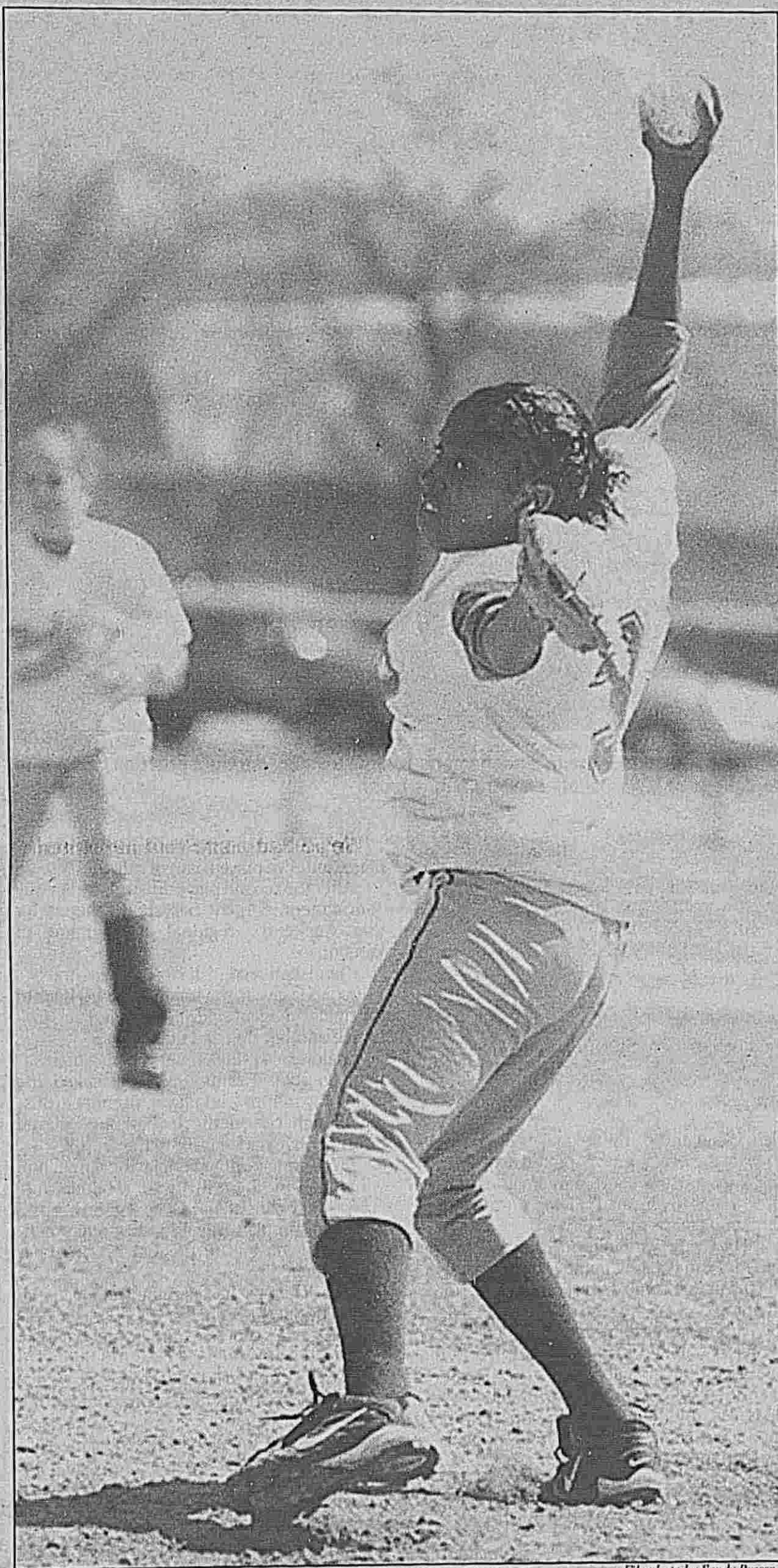
Holland knows she doesn't have much power, and she couldn't care less.

"I don't care how many homeruns I have, I care about how many sacrifices I have," Holland said. "I don't care if I'm a star, I just care if we're winning."

It's no wonder that with an attitude like that, Holland, who will play at Lakeland College in Sheboygan, Wis. next year, is working on her second season as a captain.

"Everyone on the team looks up to her," Schueneman said. "She's not real vocal, but she sets a real positive example for the team. She always does what needs to be done."

That includes helping out her teammates, which she's done well, according to freshman



File photo by Sandy Bressner

Waukegan High School's Niko O'Neal stays focused while pitching against Grayslake in a home game at Dugdale Park earlier this season.

hurler Niko O'Neal.

"Nicole has done a great job helping me," O'Neal said. "If I'm having any trouble up there, she always calms me down."

Holland is no slouch behind the plate, either.

"No one runs on her much," Schueneman said. "She blocks everything and she knows how to call a game. She makes my job easier."

Pitching has always been a weakness for Waukegan. But with O'Neal in the fold, the Bulldogs are fast ridding themselves of that stigma.

"Niko has great composure and she does what she needs to do on the mound," Schueneman said of O'Neal, who has a 9-2 record on the season. "She throws the ball over the plate and our defense is finally in a spot

RoundUp

Baseball

After falling 6-5 in the final inning to Maine South last Tuesday, the Bulldogs exacted a measure of revenge by topping the Hawks in a 6-5 comeback win last Thursday.

Waukegan plated four runs in the final inning, culminating with a two-run game-winning single by Joe Labus. Jordan French and Eric Villareal also had key hits in the inning.

Jose Diaz got the win on the mound for Waukegan, giving up four earned runs on six hits with five strikeouts in seven innings.

The Bulldogs were crushed 14-3 in a non-conference affair against Libertyville on Monday. Waukegan (6-11), which was without four starters, got two scoreless innings of relief from Ryan Loquidis.

Softball

Waukegan picked up perhaps its biggest win of the season with a 6-4 victory over Maine South last Wednesday. It was the Bulldogs' first win over the Hawks in recent memory.

Megan Hagerty (2-for-4, RBI), Liz Colver (2-for-4, RBI) and Haley Krueger (double, 2 runs) led Waukegan at the plate, while freshman hurler Niko O'Neal (8 hits, 1 walk, 3 K's) picked up the win in a complete game effort.

"This was a big win for us," Waukegan coach Shane Schueneman said. "It was the first time we've beaten Maine South in years. To do it on the road is that much tougher. I can't say enough about these kids. They continue to work hard in practice and in games and get the job done."

However, the Bulldogs were unable to maintain momentum from the win, losing to CSL power New Trier 8-2 on Tuesday.

Crestina Perez and Shavonne Ross had the lone hits in the contest for Waukegan, with O'Neal picking up the loss, despite giving up just two earned runs in the contest.

"We didn't show up to play today," said Schueneman, whose team fell to 10-6 overall and 2-3 in the CSL South with the loss. "We made five errors and you just can't do that against good teams. It was 6-1 after three innings and they only had one hit. We have to forget about this one and come back strong against Evanston."

where we can catch it and throw it at every position."

Including, according to Holland, on the mound.

"Niko's been real good on the mound," Holland said. "But, just as important, she can field her position."

Throwing a fastball, a screwball and a changeup, O'Neal won't strike out too many hitters. So she relies on her control to force batters to hit the ball at the defense.

"I just try and throw strikes and I know my teammates will back me up in the field," O'Neal said.

While Schueneman has confidence in the freshman, it's O'Neal's teammates that have really felt the effect of her presence on the mound.

"The kids seem to step up when she's on the mound," Schueneman said. "The team knows they can win every time she's out there."

Just past the halfway point in the season, Schueneman has high hopes the rest of the season.

"We're hoping for a top-eight seed in next week's seeding meeting," Schueneman said. "We're definitely looking for a regional title and I know we can do it."

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COLLEGE OF LAKE COUNTY

Small roster doesn't faze Lancers

By Rob Backus

Sports Editor

After finishing first in the Skyway Conference last season, first-year CLC men's tennis coach Randy Malone had similar hopes for this year's team. However, the Lancers were dealt a crushing blow prior to the season when several returning players from last year's team decided not to come out for their sophomore seasons.

"That was a major setback for us," Malone said. "We were hoping for several players to come back and they didn't."

When it was all said and done, CLC was left with six players on the roster, the bare minimum required to even field a team for a Skyway Conference dual meet.

"We had to move some people to spots they weren't used to playing," Malone said. "We had six players to fill six spots."

At the collegiate level there are slots at one through six singles, and three doubles spots. With just six players on the team, that meant that after each individual finished his match, he immediately had to switch over to doubles.

And the Lancers weren't just inexperienced—several of their players had never played competitive tennis prior to this season.

Still, the Lancers refused to suffer a let-down.

"The season has been going very well," Malone said. "We have a super-young team and they're all overachievers. We've been competing well and we lost a lot of close matches, which happens a lot with young teams."

Leading the way for the Lancers is Waukegan grad Sergio Mateos at No. 1 singles. He also teams with Matt Sargent at No. 1 doubles.

"I have to give Sergio a lot of credit," Malone said. "He plays the toughest players we face. And he's still won a lot of matches at that spot."

Malone also lauded the play of Marcus McGee, David Coari and Warren graduate David Martinez.

One of the players affected by a position change is Sargent, a Libertyville graduate. He competed at No. 5 singles last season and would have been at No. 4 singles this year but was forced into a highly competitive spot at No. 2.

Most players would shrink at the prospect of competing at a much higher level than they were accustomed. Instead, Sargent welcomed the opportunity.

"It's a great opportunity for me," Sargent said. "I miss the guys who didn't come out, but now I can play some tougher competition. I seem to elevate my game when that happens."

Sargent has prospered in his new spot, currently leading the team in wins. At last weekend's Skyway Tournament, Sargent and Mateos finished second at No. 1 doubles.

"He's an excellent tactician on the court," Malone said. "He's also a very aggressive player; he's always attacking the net. He has a com-



Photo by John Dickson

Team captain Matt Sargent, a sophomore, returns a volley during a practice game with the College of Lake County Lancers tennis team.

'The season has been going very well. We have a super-young team and they're all overachievers.'

Randy Malone
CLC men's tennis coach

plete game and can put spin on the ball. He also has the best footwork on the team."

When on the court, Sargent tries not to force the issue, instead relying on his opponent to make the mistake.

"I beat guys with my consistency," Malone said. "If I can get long points, I can beat them. I let the match come to me and try not to force anything."

Perhaps just as important, Sargent is also the team's captain, and has flourished in the role, according to Malone.

"He's a real leader for us," Malone said.

"He's like another coach on the court. He knows the game well; he could easily be a coach in the future."

Sargent said simply: "You can't teach experience and I've played a lot of matches."

After the second place finish at the Skyway Tournament, Sargent has similar hopes for this weekend's regional tournament at Waubesa.

"I finished second at No. 5 singles and No. 3 doubles last year, so I hope to make it back to the finals," Sargent said. "Hopefully, I can give myself another shot at a title."

Malone also singled out the play of freshman Stephen Thomas, who he called the team's most improved player. It's not surprising, though, considering he had never played a competitive match prior to the season.

"He's gone from never playing a match to winning 10 of them this year," Malone said. "He's a very consistent player and he keeps a lot of balls in play. He's also very tough mentally; he's won half of his matches in super tiebreakers."

And Thomas has certainly enjoyed the experience at No. 5 singles.

"It's great," Thomas said. "I wanted to play and find out my potential. I was just hoping to break even, and I've exceeded that."

Thomas also has high aspirations for the regional tournament.

"Two of my three losses are to Elgin, so if I can beat him I can take it," Thomas said.

RoundUp

Baseball

The Lancers remained at the .500 mark in the Skyway Conference after splitting a doubleheader with Oakton on Monday.

CLC prevailed in an offensive shootout in game one, winning 20-19 as the two teams combined for 41 hits. The Lancers were down 16-4 in the bottom of the third inning, but scored 14 runs over the next four frames to cut the deficit to 19-18.

The team won the game in the bottom of the seventh on a two-run single by Nate Hartman (3-for-6, 4 RBI). Eric Gavlick (3-for-4, 3 runs, 2 RBI) and Aaron Ciaburri (3-for-4, 3 runs, 2 RBI) also had good games at the plate for CLC. Mike O'Leary improved to 3-1 on the season with two innings of scoreless relief.

However, the Lancers could mount little offense in game two, losing 11-1. Hartman (2-for-3) scored the lone run for CLC, which is now 17-13 overall and 5-5 in the Skyway.

Men's tennis

CLC team had a great run at last weekend's Skyway Conference tournament, with each Lancer player winning at least one match in either singles or doubles play.

Leading the way for CLC was the No. 1 doubles tandem of Matt Sargent and Sergio Mateos, which reached the finals before falling 6-3, 6-4 to Oakton.

With that second-place finish, the Lancers placed fourth in the five-team event.

Mateos also played No. 1 singles and won a match and David Martinez (No. 3 singles), Marcus McGee (No. 4 singles), Stephen Thomas (No. 5 singles) and David Coari (No. 6 singles) also won matches

Softball

The Lancers improved to 24-11 overall and 10-2 in the Skyway Conference with a doubleheader sweep of Kishwaukee last Thursday.

Kelly Wells went the distance, improving to 6-0 in conference play, as CLC won game one 2-1. Wells surrendered nine hits and five walks in a complete game effort, but Kishwaukee's lone run came on a second inning error.

The team was still down 1-0 in the seventh when Brittany Behrendt came up and drilled an inside-the-park homerun down the right field line to tie the game. The game reached the 10th inning, when Megan Gerken singled in the game-winning run, scoring Kristin Lancaster who led off the inning with a walk.

Sadye McGrath moved to 13-3 on the season, scattering five hits over seven innings as CLC won game two 10-2. She also went 2-for-4 with two runs and two RBI at the plate. Natalie Young (3-for-4, 2 runs), Wells (2-for-3, 3 RBI) and Gerken (2-for-4, RBI) also fared well at the plate for the Lancers.

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mous donation of \$5 million to be used for educational purposes," Fairman said. "The \$5 million amount is a wonderful amount. It was a great blessing."

The additional funds will be used for expansion of St. Bede School to two sections per each grade level, one through eight. It will also be used for other purposes in the Faith Formation Center, such as religious education and adult education.

Yeager and Nickola Associates, Ltd., the architects that worked on the improvements of the old church in phase one of the master plan will work with church officials on phase two.—By Steve Peterson

PLUNGE

Wednesday to Performance Plus Big-Way Camp in Perris Valley, Calif. to meet her fellow participants and practice some less-complicated 60-way formations.

Enduring 20 jumps in four days will prove a grueling task, but Thomlison won't complain. Having taken her first jump in 1992, she said she tries to skydive every weekend if work and weather permit.

Her boyfriend jumps regularly as well, and Thomlison said that she enjoys the activity that challenges her every time out.

"Sometimes it's the excitement or thrill, sometimes the camaraderie of getting together with my friends," she said.

Though she compares her fondness for the activity to other acquaintances' enthusiasm for golf, Thomlison's dives are anything but a walk in the park.

She said she particularly enjoyed the C-130 jump, a time when she lost control of her performance immediately.

"My feet hit my head, that's how much force there was jumping out of the plane," she said. "That's where I get my excitement, doing something I don't get to do everyday."

Despite her passion for skydiving, the big jump this summer carries a serious undertone, as Thomlison's grandmother formerly suffered from breast cancer and her aunt is now dying of the disease. She believes she is also at-risk, given that the cancer runs in her family.

As a professional x-ray technician, Thomlison is trained to complete mammograms, and often bears witness to her patients' pain and anxiety.

"I've seen what the women go through from the very beginning through the diagnosis, and how to treat that," she said. "So raising this money is very, very important."

If successful, participants culled from several different nations would set a new world record for formation skydiving. Just being asked to participate is an honor, Thomlison said, and she hopes to provide assistance to those suffering with health problems both in her family and workplace.

"Anybody can jump a C-130, anybody can jump a balloon," she said. "Not everybody can say they were invited to be involved in a world record attempt."

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This year's conference will be from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday May 7 at CLC. For additional information, contact the juvenile justice system at 847-377-7800.

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Habitat for Humanity wins \$1,500 grant

Habitat for Humanity Lake County has received a \$1,500 grant from the Baird & Warner (Good Will Network) donor fund affiliated with the Chicago Community Foundation. The grant is earmarked for the WomenBuild project WomenBuild is a program of Habitat for Humanity in which women's groups come together to sponsor and build Habitat houses.

This year's WomenBuild home is being built for the Barber family. The home is located in the first Habitat for Humanity Lake County subdivision, Carter Woods, in Waukegan.



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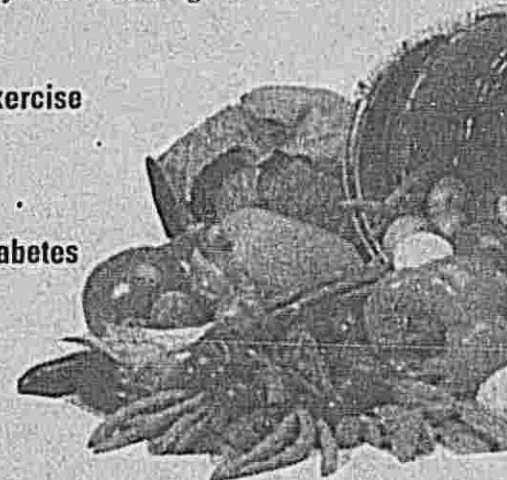
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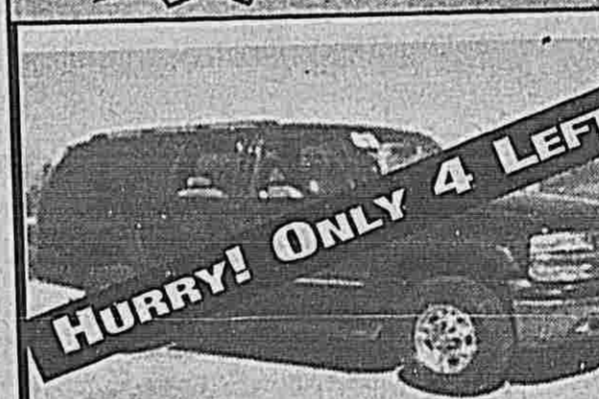


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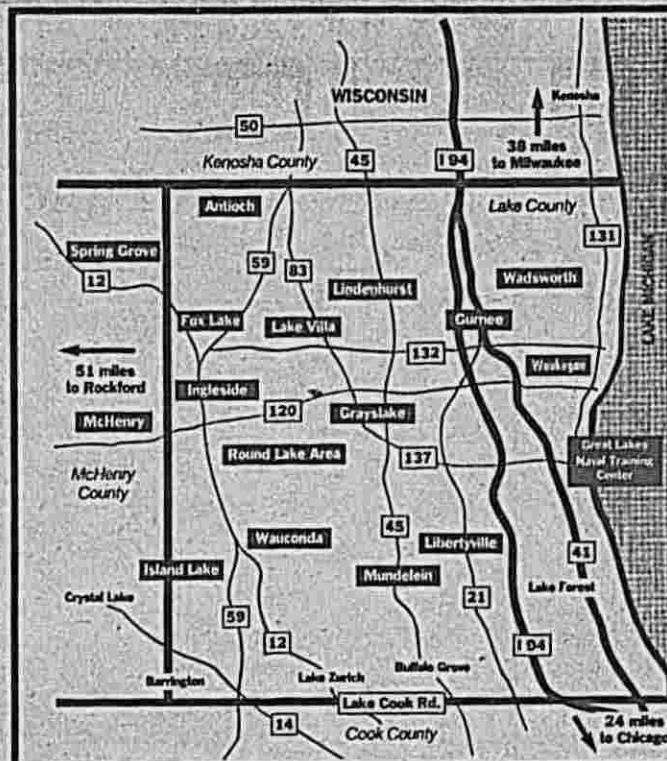


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**Zen Relationships In
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Fleischmann

Other than an occasional sporting event, I seldom watch television. However, last week I observed an amusing situation comedy where a cool detached teenager was teaching his perky cheerleader girlfriend the art of "Zen relationships." I would have called it the art of being aloof.

In the workplace, there are many who have decided to show little emotion or passion regarding work, relationships and the environment around them. Unfortunately, those people will never appreciate those parts of their lives. Granted they will also miss the disappointments. We can train ourselves to deaden our senses, but is that a valid goal?

Our senses keep us safe. They tell us when it is time to eat and they allow us to enjoy beauty. The fact that we care provides the stimulation to arrive at work on time, help others in the workplace and to be productive in our jobs. The advantages of utilizing our senses in a disciplined manner far outweigh the advantages of deadening them.

A part of the "Zen" training in the situation comedy was to let no one know what you are thinking or feeling. This is not only unproductive, it has nothing to do with Zen or Buddhism, which can be traced to Siddhartha Gautama in the sixth century BC. It is a distortion of the foundations of that religion.

The Goal of Buddha was to eliminate desire, which he saw as the root of evil, from his life. Unlike the teenage youth on television, he freely shared his thoughts and feelings about his philosophy.

For many reasons, I have chosen not to follow a Buddhist lifestyle. However, there are certainly some positive benefits from eliminating evil desires from ones life.

Desire can produce the excesses of pride, sloth, and any variety of self-indulgence. The desire to sleep an extra hour can become a need, which causes one to be consistently late for work. The desire for attention can result in focusing on self rather than the tasks that need to be accomplished and the people around us who also need attention. Those who want to gain a better life would do well to eliminate unproductive desire rather than following the advice of the false teenage television prophet.

If the distortions of the situation comedy were accurate, each person would work in isolation. The work environment would be cold. Customers and vendors could not build productive relationships. Likewise, we would not be able to have any meaningful communication with managers or peers.

Rather than being cold and aloof, we need to learn to communicate. We need to share feelings and thoughts. We need to listen and get involved in the lives of others. Our lives, especially in the work environment become more fulfilling when we build the relationships that produce teamwork. A rather clever situation comedy is bad advice in the workplace and in life.

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ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
CUSTOMIZENIT.COM
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Internet sales of silicone bra-
cets, etc.
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
38340 N. Hamilton Circle,
Spring Grove, IL. 60081,
(847)587-8364.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTIONING BUSINESS
Carol Joan Main, 38340 N.
Hamilton Circle, Spring
Grove, IL. 60081, (847)587-
8364.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE
This is to certify that the un-
dersigned intend(s) to con-

duct the above named busi-
ness from the location(s) indi-
cated and that the true and le-
gal full name(s) of the
person(s) owning, conducting
or transacting the business
is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Carol Joan Main
April 12, 2005
The foregoing instrument
was acknowledged before me
by the person(s) intending to
conduct the business this
12th day of April 2005.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Christina J. Hom
Notary Public
Received: April 12, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0415C-7130-FL
April 15, 22, 29, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
Vernon Township
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE
TOWN OF VERNON
The following is a statement by William E. Peterson, Supervi-
sor of the Town of Vernon in the County and State aforesaid, of
the amount of public funds received and expended by him dur-
ing the fiscal year just closed, ending March 31, 2005, showing
the amount of public funds on hand at the commencement of
said fiscal year, the amount of public funds expended and for
what purposes expended, during the fiscal year ending as afore-
said.
The said supervisor, being duly sworn, doth depose and say
that the following statement by him subscribed as a correct
statement of the amount of public funds on hand at the com-
mencement of the fiscal year above stated, the amount of public
funds received, and the sources from which received and the
amount expended and purposes for which expended as set forth
in said statement.
Subscribed and sworn to before me on April 16, 2005.

Barbara Barnabee
Notary Public
State of Illinois
William Peterson
Supervisor/Treasurer

SUPERVISOR'S ANNUAL REPORT March 31, 2005

TOWN FUND	
Receipts	
Balance on hand at beginning of FY 2004	2,333,303.58
Property Taxes	1,735,722.42
Interest	43,611.84
Personal Property Replacement Tax	6,217.04
Tower Property Lease & Rentals	12,200.00
PAGE Grant	8,031.50
Dial-A-Ride & Township Bus Fares	4,702.40
Misc. Income/pop. copies/etc.	9,049.13
Hunting & Fishing Licenses	621.50
Building Rentals	15,211.30
Passport Revenue	44,119.95
Reimburse utilities	4,375.29
Express Mail	1,433.35
Total Receipts and balance on hand	4,218,599.30
Expenditures:	
Administration Division	1,460,186.17
Assessor Division	361,063.31
Total Expenditures	1,821,249.48
Balance on hand as of March 31, 2005	2,397,349.82

GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND	
Receipts:	
Balance on hand at beginning of FY 2004	116,905.35
Property Taxes	0.00
Interest	757.40
Misc.	200.00
SSI Reimbursement	100.00
Total Receipts and balance on hand	117,962.75
Expenditures	
Administration Division	11,876.48
Home Relief Division	37,461.30
Total Expenditures	49,337.78
Balance on hand as of March 31, 2005	68,624.97

CEMETERY FUND	
Receipts	
Balance on hand at beginning of FY 2004	276,972.40
Property Taxes	64,754.68
Interest	3,714.10
Lot Sales	3,000.00
Burials	4,450.00
Misc. Income	150.00
Total Receipts and balance on hand	353,041.18
Total Expenditures	11,238.05
Balance on hand as of March 31, 2005	341,803.13

PARK MAINTENANCE FUND	
Receipts	
Balance on hand at beginning of FY 2004	140,662.91
Property Tax	162,867.83
Interest	773.23
Pool/Park Fees & Rentals	54,415.50
Program Fees	25,438.50
Rental/Mtg. Rm. & House	5,086.75
Ball Field Lights	3,881.70
Candy Sales	6,791.05
Misc Income	269.10
Camp fees	122,881.00
Field permits	2,780.00
Total Receipts and balance on hand	525,847.57
Total Expenditures	261,683.69
Balance on hand as of March 31, 2005	264,163.88

METRA FUND	
Receipts	
Balance on hand beginning of FY 2004	494,785.53
Interest	8,850.03
Parking fees	56,351.33
Misc.	0.00
Total Receipts and balance on hand	559,986.89
Total Expenditures	16,544.21
Balance on hand as of March 31, 2005	543,442.68
Total Reserve Fund	120,000.00

ROAD FUND	
Receipts	
Balance on hand at beginning of FY 2004	366,249.08
Property Taxes	382,883.31
Interest	7,256.44
Personal Property Replacement Tax	10,897.46
Road Maintenance/Intergovernmental	40,775.05
Traffic Fines/Bonds	7,500.00
Misc. Income	0.00
Grants	3,192.64
Total Receipts and balance on hand	818,753.98
Expenditures	
Administration	163,157.44
Maintenance	237,869.77
Total Expenditures	401,027.21
Balance on hand as of March 31, 2005	417,726.77

PERMANENT ROAD FUND	
Receipts	
Balance on hand at beginning of FY 2004	665,521.12

Property Taxes	621,548.45
Interest	9,715.56
Grants	0.00
Total Receipts and balance on hand	1,296,785.13
Total Expenditures	663,721.65
Balance on hand as of March 31, 2005	633,063.48

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME WITHDRAWAL
OF OWNER(S) OR
CANCELLATION
NAME OF BUSINESS:
ACR Custom Lawn Service
ORIGINAL DATE FILED:
7/02/04
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE
This is to certify that the per-
son(s) listed below has/have
ceased doing business under
the assumed name or
has/have no further connec-
tion or financial interest in
said business. Withdrawal
shall be effective 4/18/05
Julio Arteaga
207 Beachview
Roubd Lake, IL. 60073
(847)546-9350.
/s/ Julio Arteaga
April 18, 2005
The foregoing instrument
was acknowledged before me
by the person(s) withdrawing
from the business this 18th
day of April 2005.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Christina J. Hom
Notary Public
Received: April 18, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0422D-7143-RL
April 22, 29, 2005
May 6, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Nathaniel DJ
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Disc Jockey Jobs
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
Lamb's Farm, Rockland Rd.,
Libertyville, IL. 60048, (847)
362-4636.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTIONING BUSINESS
Nathan Ward, 26259 W. Lau-
rel Ave., Wauconda, IL.
60084, (847)526-5889, (847)
308-5889
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE
This is to certify that the un-
dersigned intend(s) to con-
duct the above named busi-
ness from the location(s) in-
dicated and that the true and le-
gal full name(s) of the
person(s) owning, conducting
or transacting the business
is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Nathan Ward
March 21, 2005
The foregoing instrument
was acknowledged before me
by the person(s) intending to
conduct the business this
21st. day of March 2005.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Christopher J. Molenda
Notary Public
Received: April 6, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0415C-7132-GL
April 15, 22, 29, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
North Lake Candles
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Distribution
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
1125 Bob Ofarrell Ln., Beach
Park, IL. 60099, (847)596-
7299.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTIONING BUSINESS
Michael S. Fudge, 1125 Bob
Ofarrell Ln., Beach Park, IL.
60099, (847)596-7299.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE
This is to certify that the un-
dersigned intend(s) to con-
duct the above named busi-
ness from the location(s) in-
dicated and that the true and le-
gal full name(s) of the
person(s) owning, conducting
or transacting the business
is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Michael S. Fudge
April 22, 2005
The foregoing instrument
was acknowledged before me
by the person(s) intending to
conduct the business this
22nd day of April 2005.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Barbara J. Noster
Notary Public
Received: April 22, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0429E-7153-GP
April 29, 2005
May 6, 13, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
ADR Sewer and Drain Care
Specialists
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Sewer and drain care
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
695 Britney Sq. Apt. 3, Gray-
slake, IL. 60030, (773)301-
5376.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTIONING BUSINESS
Randy Adkins, 695 Britney
Sq. Apt. 3, Grayslake, IL.
60030, (773)301-5376.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE
This is to certify that the un-
dersigned intend(s) to con-
duct the above named busi-
ness from the location(s) in-
dicated and that the true and le-
gal full name(s) of the
person(s) owning, conducting
or transacting the business
is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Randy Adkins
April 14, 2005
The foregoing instrument
was acknowledged before me
by the person(s) intending to
conduct the business this
14th day of April 2005.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Barbara J. Noster
Notary Public
Received: April 14, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
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April 22, 29, 2005
May 6, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Hines Online Marketing
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Internet Sales
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
419 Long Hill Road, Gurnee,
IL. 60031, (847)249-1875.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTIONING BUSINESS
Susan Hines, 419 Long Hill
Road, Gurnee, IL. 60031,
(847)249-1875.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE
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/s/ Susan Hines
April 13, 2005
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conduct the business this
13th day of April 2005.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Margie W. Kingsley
Notary Public
Received: April 13, 2005
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Lake County Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Under The Sycamore Tree
NATURE/PURPOSE:
A children's book, music & gift
store.
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
1445 Turks Cap Road, Gray-
slake, IL. 60030, (847)530-
1447.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTIONING BUSINESS
Jackie E. Harris, 1445 Turks
Cap Rd., Grayslake, IL.
60030, (847)548-9766.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE
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/s/ Jackie E. Harris
April 14, 2005
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OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Christina J. Hom
Notary Public
Received: April 14, 2005
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Lake County Clerk
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May 6, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Grayslake Webmasters
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Web design
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
182 Wellington Ct., P.O. Box
7006, Grayslake, IL. 60030,
(847)530-6422.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTIONING BUSINESS
Grace N. Gilbert, 182 Welling-
ton Ct., Grayslake, IL., 60030,
(847)548-8714.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE
This is to certify that the un-
dersigned intend(s) to con-
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/s/ Grace N. Gilbert
April 13, 2005
The foregoing instrument
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by the person(s) intending to
conduct the business this
13th day of April 2005.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Grace M. Brown
Notary Public
Received: April 13, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0422D-7135-GL
April 22, 29, 2005
May 6, 2005

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Specialists
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Sewer and drain care
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/s/ Susan Hines
April 13, 2005
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/s/Margie W. Kingsley
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Lake County Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
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NATURE/PURPOSE:
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ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
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ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
419 Long Hill Road, Gurnee,
IL. 60031, (847)249-1875.
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OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTIONING BUSINESS
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Road, Gurnee, IL. 60031,
(847)249-1875.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE
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/s/Margie W. Kingsley
Notary Public
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Lake County Clerk
0422D-7131-GP
April 22, 29, 2005
May 6, 2005

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/s/ Susan Hines
April 13, 2005
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OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Margie W. Kingsley
Notary Public
Received: April 13, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0422D-7131-GP
April 22, 29, 2005
May 6, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that
Roberts Road Mini Storage,
4015 Roberts Rd., Island
Lake, IL. 60042 will sell or dis-
pose of property for nonpay-
ment of rent and other fees.
The sale will take place on
5/7/05 at 10:00 a.m. on units
206 Andre Latolals, 220
Christina Bender, 221 Christi-
na Bender, 301 Nancy Young,
420 Richard Dupree, 1118
Mario Saavedra, 1313 Angeli-
ca Zamudio, 1323 Kelli Gott-
stein. All contents sold to
highest bidder for cash. Im-
mediate removal required. We
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0422D-7139-WL
April 22, 29, 2005

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Fox Lake Fire Protection District Meeting Schedule is as fol-
lows:

Location: Fire Station #3, Molidor Road, Ingleside, IL.	
Time: 7:00 P.M.	
June 16, 2005	
Aug. 11, 2005	
Oct. 13, 2005	
Nov. 18, 2005	
Jan. 12, 2006	
April 13, 2006	
May 11, 2006	

Respectfully submitted
Fred L. Loffredo, Pres.
0429E-7148-FL
April 29, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property Notice is hereby giv-
en that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self-Storage Facility Act,
State of Illinois, the undersigned will sell at public sale by com-
petitive silent bidding on May 2, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.,
on the premises where said property has been stored, and
which are located at Volo Storage, 30151 N. Rand Road, Volo,
IL. 60073, the personal property described below. In the matter
of Space No. 115 John Neuber-Construction material and equip-
ment a reserve has been placed on this unit. Each space is auc-
tioned in total persons who have won the bidding will be con-
tacted by phone on May 3, 2005 at that time purchase must be
made in cash only and paid for May 3, 2005. All goods are sold
as is and must be removed by 3:00 p.m. on May 3, 2005. Sale is
subject to adjournment.
0422D-7140-WL
April 22, 29, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
LINCOLNSHIRE-PAIRIE VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT #103
The Board of Education of the Lincolnshire-Prairie View School
District #103, Lake County, Lincolnshire, Illinois, will receive
sealed bids until 9:00 A.M. local time, May 17, 2005 in the Busi-
ness Office, 1370 Riverwoods Road, Lincolnshire, Illinois for the
2005-06 Operational Services to include Milk, Yogurt & Sher-
bert, Fuel, Disposal Services, Copy Paper.
At 9:00 A.M. all bids that are received will be publicly opened
and read aloud in the Business Office.
All prospective bidders are required to review said specifications
and requirements prior to submitting their bid. Bid specifications
may be obtained through the Business Office, 1370 Riverwoods
Road, Lincolnshire, Illinois 60069.
Bids must be submitted on the forms provided by the district.
All bids must be accompanied by Certificates of Insurance and
such other documents as required in the specifications.
Where applicable and appropriate, the general prevailing rate of
wages in Lake County, Illinois shall be paid for each craft or type
of workman or mechanic needed to execute the contract or per-
form such work.
Sealed bids shall be addressed to Lincolnshire-Prairie View
School District #103, Business Office, 1370 Riverwoods Road,
Lincolnshire, Illinois 60069.
The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject
any or all bids and to waive any informalities in bidding.
Angela Berka, Secretary
Board of Education
Dated this 29th day
of April, 2005
0429E-7152-LB
April 29, 2005

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that a Public Hearing will be held before the City of Park City Zoning Board of Appeals on May 23, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall located at 3355 Belvedere Road, Park City, Illinois. The hearing will be to consider the application of the Jamlyn, Inc./Strategic Concepts, Inc. joint venture for the purpose of requesting a text amendment to the zoning code and special use permits for allowing off premise outdoor advertising signs along Highway 41 on various properties located in the C-5 zoning district in accordance with the Illinois Advertising Control Act.

Persons having questions or seeking additional information should contact the City of Park City's Attorney at 847-623-5277. All persons interested will have the opportunity to be heard at such time and place.

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0429E-7150-GP
April 29, 2005

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Route-Variety Streets
County-Lake
Local Agency-Warren Township
Section-Sidewalk and Curb Repairs, 2005**

Time and Place of Opening of Bids

Sealed proposals for the improvement described below will be received at the office of Warren Township Highway Commissioner, 17801 W. Washington Street, Gurnee, IL 60031 until 10 o'clock A.M., May 9, 2005. Proposals will be opened and read publicly at 10 o'clock A.M., May 9, 2005 at the office of Warren Township Highway Commissioner, 17801 W. Washington Street, Gurnee, IL 60031.

Description of Work

Name Sidewalk and Curb Repairs, 2005
Location Various locations in Warren Township
Proposed Improvement Removal and replacement of PCC Sidewalk, removal and replacement of curb and gutter, and other related and necessary work.

Bidders Instructions

- Plans and proposal forms will be available in the office of Warren Township Highway Commissioner, 17801 W. Washington Street, Gurnee, IL 60031.
- If prequalification is required, the 2 low bidders must file within 24 hours after the letting an "Affidavit of Availability" (Form BC 57), in triplicate, showing all uncompleted contracts awarded to them and all low bids pending award for Federal, State, County, Municipal and private work. One copy shall be filed with the Awarding Authority and 2 copies with the IDOT District Office.
- All proposals must be accompanied by a proposal guaranty as provided in BLRS Special Provision for Bidding Requirements and Conditions for Contract Proposals contained in the "Supplemental Specifications and Recurring Special Provisions".
- The Awarding Authority reserves the right to waive technicalities and to reject any or all proposals as provided in BLRS Special Provision for Bidding Requirements and Conditions for Contract Proposals contained in the "Supplemental Specifications and Recurring Special Provisions".
- Bidders need not return the entire contract proposal when bids are submitted unless otherwise required. Portions of the proposal that must be returned include the following:
 - BLR 5701-Contract Cover
 - BLR 5704-Notice to Bidders
 - BLR 5705-Contract Proposal
 - BLR 5706-Contract Schedule of Prices
 - BLR 5707-Signatures
 - BLR 5708-Proposal Bid Bond (if applicable)
- The quantities appearing in the bid schedule are approximate and are prepared for the comparison of bids. Payment to the Contractor will be made only for the actual quantities of work performed and accepted or materials furnished according to the contract. The scheduled quantities of work to be done and materials to be furnished may be increased, decreased or omitted as hereinafter provided.
- Submission of a bid shall be conclusive assurance and warranty the bidder has examined the plans and understands all requirements for the performance of work. The bidder will be responsible for all errors in the proposal resulting from failure or neglect to conduct an in depth examination. The awarding Authority will, in no case be responsible for any costs, expenses, losses or changes in anticipated profits resulting from such failure or neglect of the bidder.
- The bidder shall take no advantage of any error or omission in the proposal and advertised contract.
- If a special envelope is supplied by the Awarding Authority, each proposal should be submitted in that envelope furnished by the Awarding Agency and the blank spaces on the envelope shall be filled in correctly to clearly indicate its contents. When an envelope other than the special one furnished by the Awarding Authority is used, it shall be marked to clearly indicate its contents. When sent by mail, the sealed proposal shall be addressed to the Awarding Authority at the address and in care of the official in whose office the bids are to be received. All proposals shall be filed prior to the time and at the place specified in the Notice to Bidders. Proposals received after the time specified will be returned to the bidder unopened.
- Permission will be given to a bidder to withdraw a proposal if the bidder makes the request in writing or in person before the time for opening proposals.

By Order of
Gerald E. Rudd
Warren Township Highway Commissioner
0429E-7147-GP
April 29, 2005

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PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS:
Conference and Meeting
Planners International
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Business meeting planners
and travel.
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
1191 Chesterfield Ln., Gray-
slake, IL 60030, (847)543-
8863.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Lori Weisberg, 1191 Chester-
field Ln., Grayslake, IL
60030, (847)543-8863.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Lori Weisberg
April 15, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 15th day of April 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Hisami Frederick
Notary Public
Received: April 15, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0422D-7141-GL
April 22, 29, 2005
May 6, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS:
Bella Flora Professional Land-
scaping
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Landscaping
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
207 Beachview, Round Lake,
IL 60073, (847)833-5521.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Julio Arteaga, 207 Beach-
view, Round Lake, IL 60073,
(847)833-5521.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Julio Arteaga
April 18, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 18th day of April 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Christina J. Hom
Notary Public
Received: April 18, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0422D-7142-RL
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PUBLIC NOTICE
BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION HEARING

The Northern Moraine Wastewater Reclamation District will hold a hearing at its May 10, 2005 regularly scheduled board meeting, 7:30 p.m., at the Northern Moraine Wastewater Reclamation District offices, 420 Timber Trail, Island Lake, IL 60042.

Purpose: to review, approve and adopt the operating budget and appropriation ordinance for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2005 and ending April 30, 2006. Written or oral comments concerning these documents will be accepted from the constituents of the District.

William C. Kreiling
Clerk

Northern Moraine Wastewater Reclamation District
0429E-7163-WL
April 29, 2005

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PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS:
Kiel's Kustoms
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Mobile airbrush repair of vehi-
cles, customizing of vehicles,
etc.
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
70 E Big Horn Dr., Haines-
ville, IL 60030, (847)543-
4561.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Kiel W. Suzanne H., Sa-
wusch, 70 E. Big Horn Dr.,
Hainesville, IL 60030,
(847)543-4561.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

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/s/ Kiel W. Sawusch
/s/ Suzanne H. Sawusch
April 19, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 19th day of April 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Barbara J. Noster
Notary Public
Received: April 19, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0422D-7145-GL
April 22, 29, 2005
May 6, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS:
Delta Construction
NATURE/PURPOSE:
General Contractor-Remodel-
ing
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
1212 Ranch Rd., Lake Forest,
IL 60045, (847)482-1800.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Zbigniew Sterczynski, 1212
Ranch Rd., Lake Forest, IL
60045, (847)482-1800.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Zbigniew Sterczynski
April 7, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 7th day of April 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Barbara Gryczka
Notary Public
Received: April 15, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0422D-7146-LB
April 22, 29, 2005
May 6, 2005

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Spring Grove Storage will sell goods for non-payment of rent from unit C75 belonging to Charlene Smith, consisting of clothes, furniture and miscellaneous household items. The sale will take place at Spring Grove Storage, 2502 Spring Ridge Dr., Spring Grove, IL 60081, on Mon. 5/23/05 at 3:00 p.m.

0429E-7159-FL
April 29, 2005
May 6, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
LIEN SALE

Jorge Aquinal
Unit 6-4, 10x10.
Jessica Cassati
Unit H-2, 5x10.
On May 6, 2005
@Fort Hainesville Storage
158 W. Belvidere Rd.
Hainesville, IL 60030
0429E-7151-RL
April 29, 2005
May 6, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS:
Sports Chiropractic & Rehab
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Chiropractic Physician
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
2841 Grand Ave., Waukegan,
IL 60085, (847) 249-0018.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Dr. Jason Romano, 385 Hill-
view Dr., Gurnee, IL 60031,
(847)548-2328.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

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/s/ Jason Romano
April 15, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 15th day of April 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Marjorie A. Morocco
Notary Public
Received: April 19, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0429E-7155-GP
April 29, 2005
May 6, 13, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS:
Egami Productions
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Video Production: Filming,
Editing, DVD Authoring
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
26627 W. Oakwood Ave., In-
gleside, IL 60041,
(847)740-3374.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Douglas A. Karaszewski,
26627 W. Oakwood Ave., In-
gleside, IL 60041, (847)740-
3374.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Douglas A. Karaszewski
April 14, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 14th day of April 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Christina J. Hom
Notary Public
Received: April 20, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0429E-7156-FL
April 29, 2005
May 6, 13, 2005

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PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS:
Friendly Folks Plumbing
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Plumbing
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
226 Highmoor, Round Lake
Park, IL 60073, (847) 254-
6424.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
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John Folk, 226 Highmoor,
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This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ John Folk
April 22, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 22nd day of April 2005.

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/s/Mary Diprima
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Received: April 22, 2005
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0429E-7158-RL
April 29, 2005
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PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS:
Montori Electric
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Electrical
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
239 W. Belvidere Rd., Gray-
slake, IL 60030, (847)548-
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Sarah A. Montori, 239 W. Bel-
videre Rd., Grayslake, IL
60030, (847)548-6387.
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/s/ Sarah A. Montori
April 18, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 18th day of April 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Christina J. Hom
Notary Public
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PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS:
Gurnee Taxi
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Transportation
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
2935 Valleyview Rd., Gurnee,
IL 60031, (847)855-8721.
NAME(S) AND POST
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TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Kenneth Lelpart, 2935 Valley-
view Rd., Gurnee, IL 60031,
(847)855-8721.
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/s/ Kenneth Lelpart
April 25, 2005

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ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS:
Paul Smith Appraisal Services
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Appraisal Services Provider
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
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12 N. French Ct., Mundelein,
IL 60060, (847)949-5474.
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/s/ Paul Smith
April 22, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 22nd day of April 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Adriana Lomell
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Received: April 22, 2005
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0429E-7162-MN
April 29, 2005
May 6, 13, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS:
Nick Construction
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Interior & exterior remodeling
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ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
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20818 Dogwood, Deerfield,
IL 60015, (847)229-9355.
NAME(S) AND POST
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TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Nicolae Curtean, 20818 Dog-
wood, Deerfield, IL 60015,
(847)229-9355.
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/s/ Nicolae Curtean
April 11, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 11th day of April 2005.

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/s/Adriana Lomell
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Received: April 11, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0422D-7138-LB
April 22, 29, 2005
May 6, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 25th day of April 2005.

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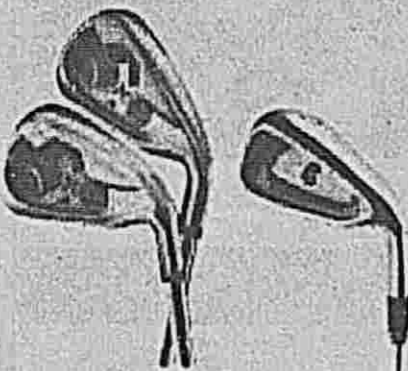
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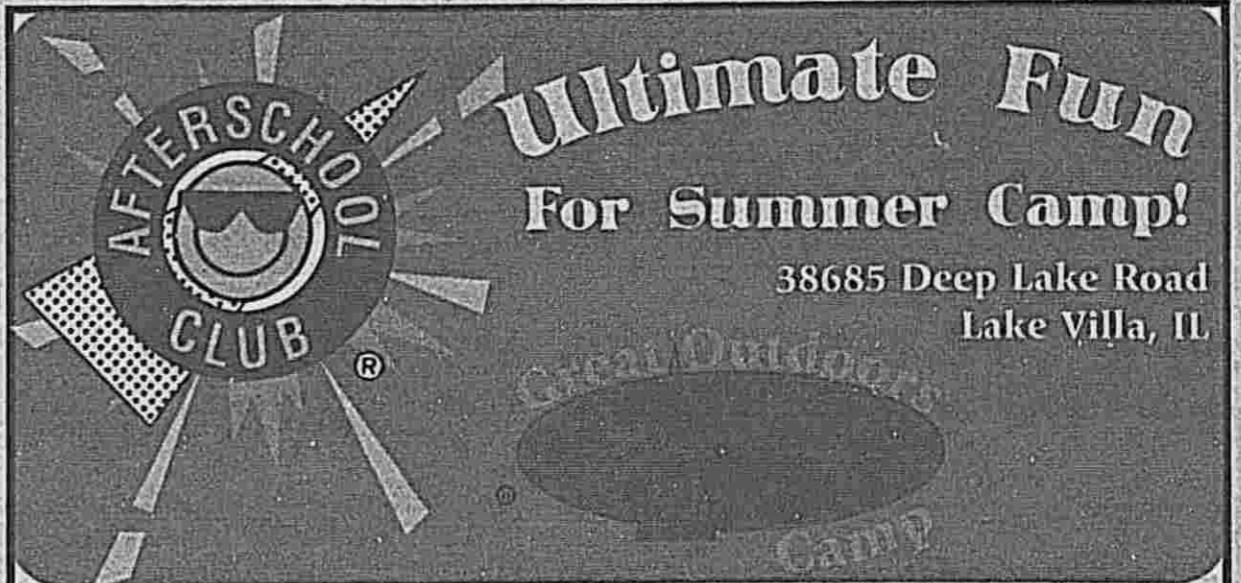


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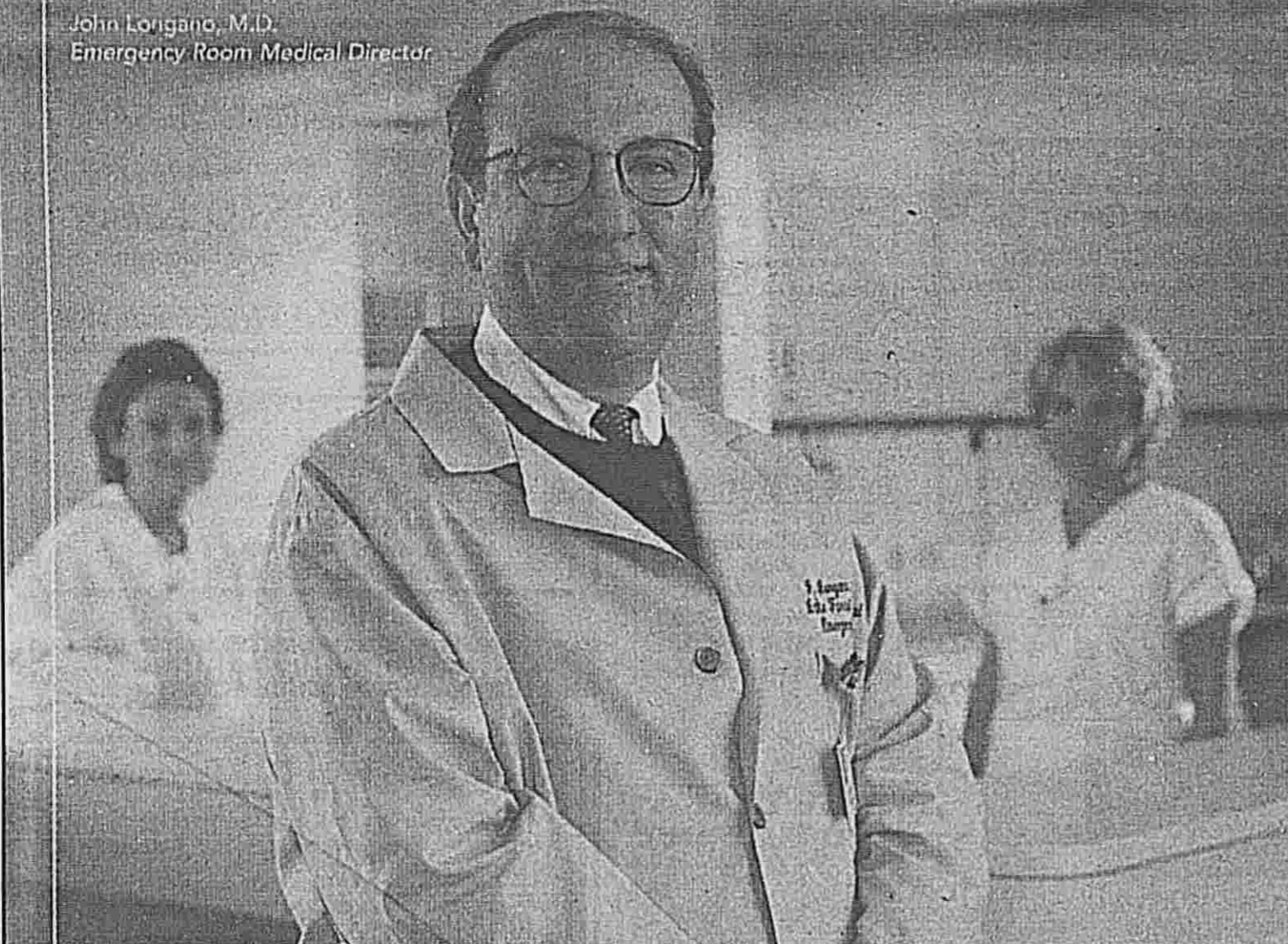
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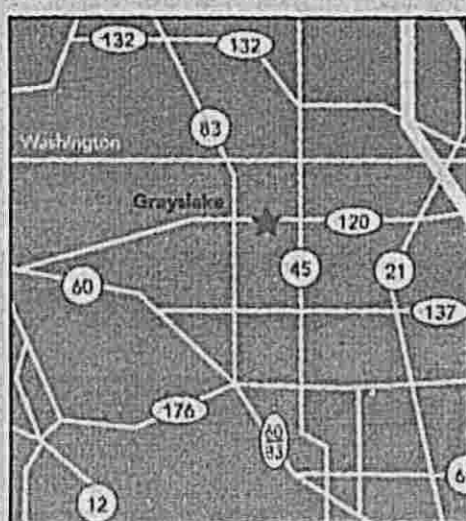
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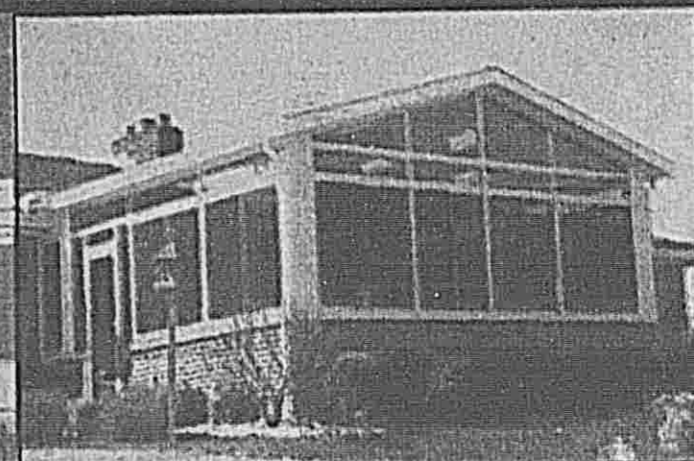
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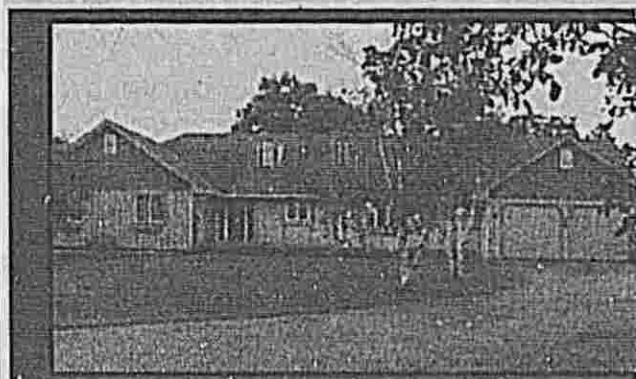
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However, many homeowners put off repairing the problem because traditional solutions can be very expensive. Solutions such as digging, foundation spraying, epoxy injection, saw cutting and jack hammering are the techniques normally suggested by waterproofing companies.

All of these methods treat only the exterior foundation wall coatings. "They don't promise to eliminate water in your basement, just to redirect it," says Bill Emerick, owner of Sani-tred, a different kind of waterproofing system. "Let's face facts, it is impossible to control flooding, humidity, mold and fungus when you allow water to enter a basement."

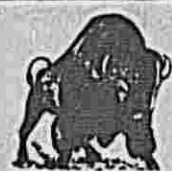
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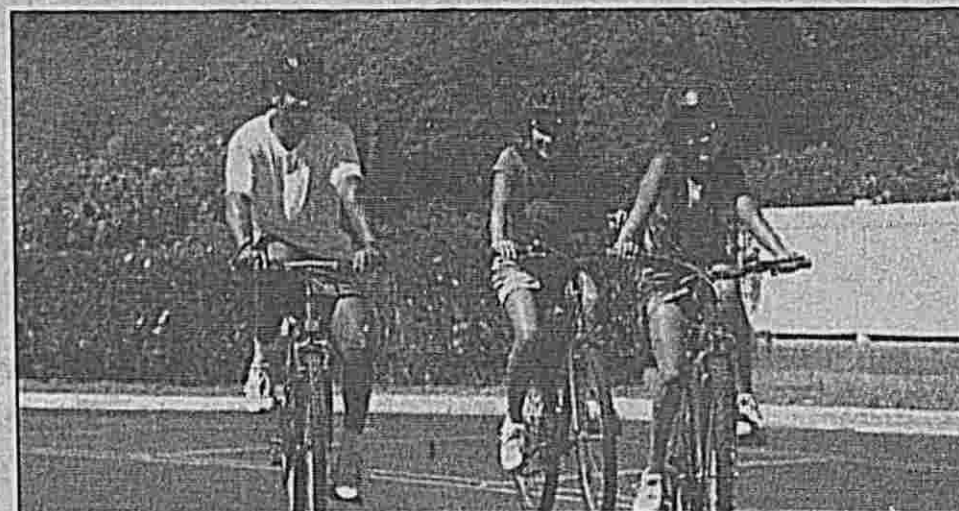
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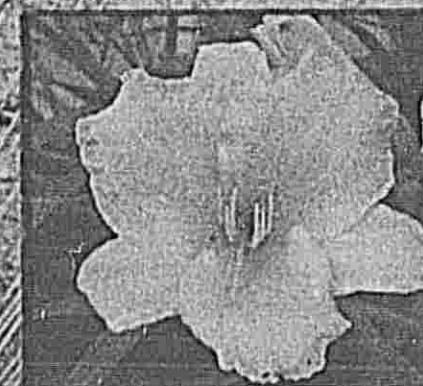
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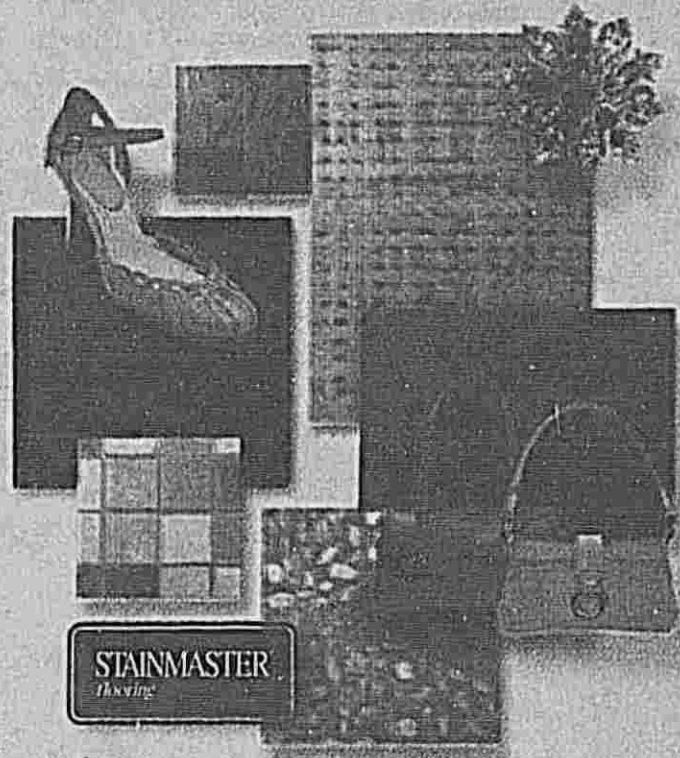
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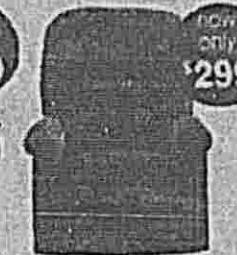
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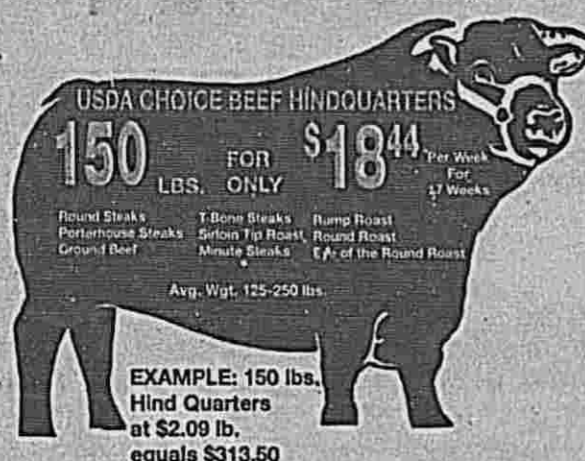


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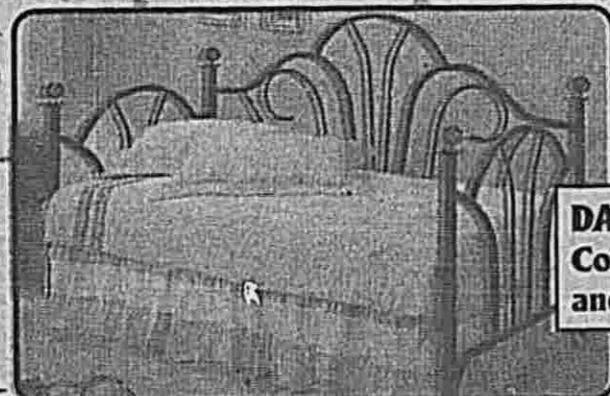
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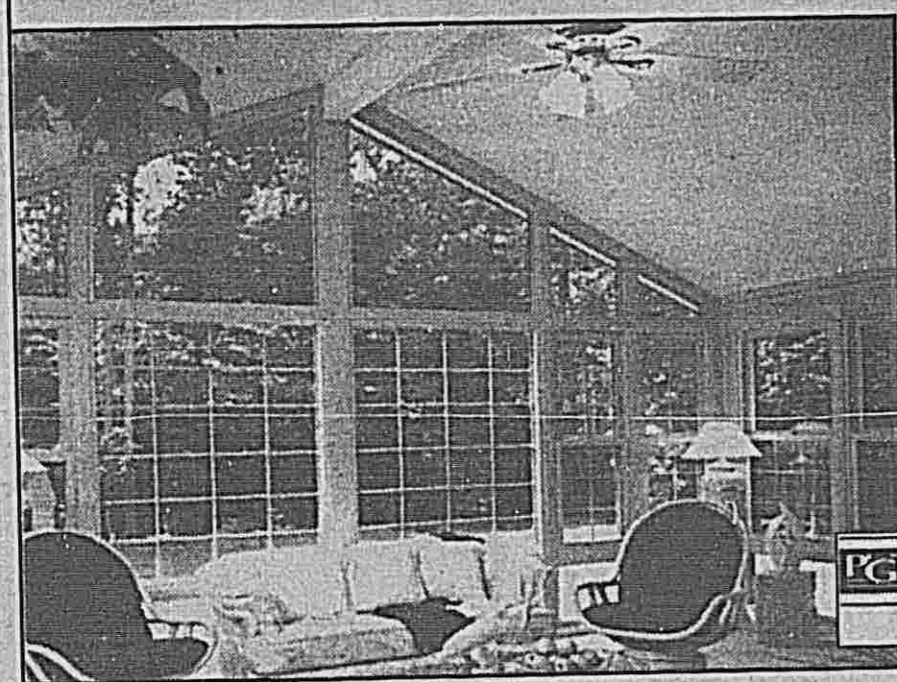
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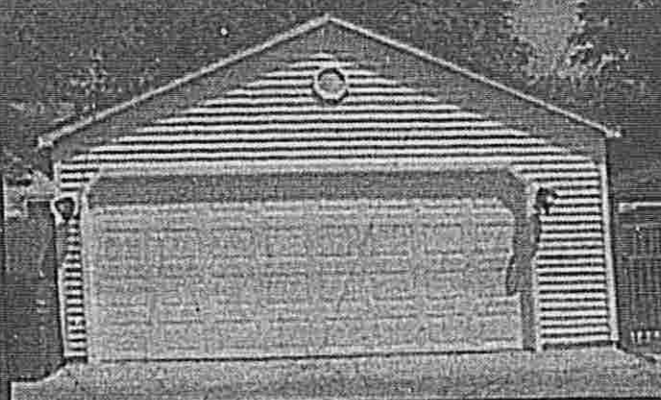
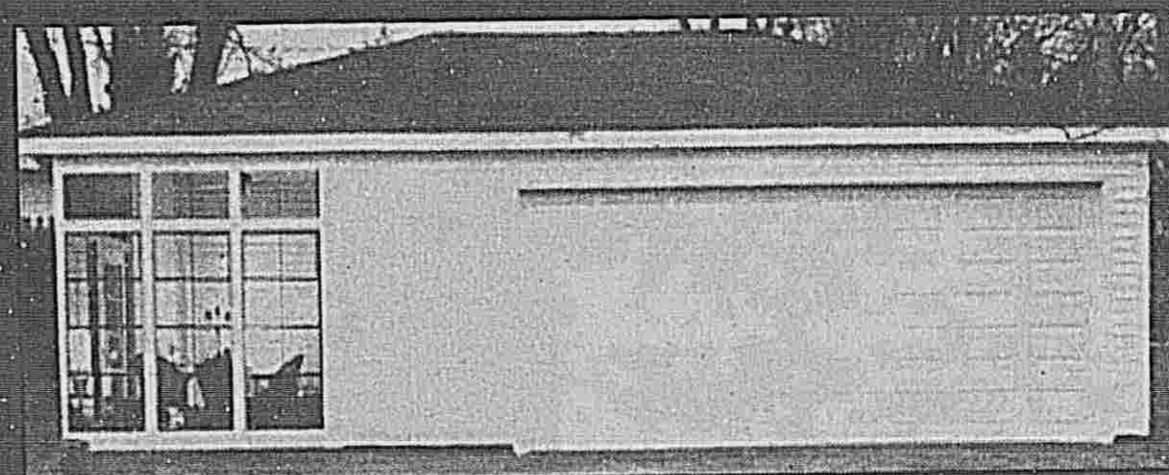
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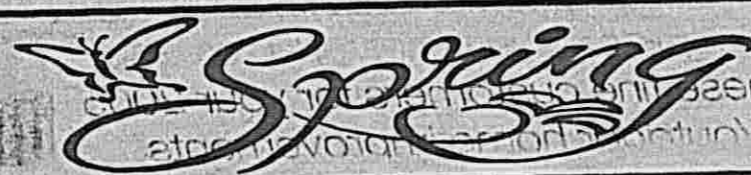
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What you can do to celebrate Earth Day

April 22, 2005 marks the 35th anniversary of Earth Day, which was established in 1970 by Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson in an effort to sharpen the public's focus on protecting natural resources. Many government and legal milestones were generated as a result of Earth Day and the environmental awareness it cultivated, including the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Clean Air and Water Act and the Endangered Species Act.

"We should care about Earth Day because it is a critically important day in American history," says Joan Wiseman, J.D., academic director of justice and paralegal programs at Brown Mackie College—Michigan City, Ind. "The first Earth Day in 1970 was the day that Americans said yes, our environment matters, and we want our government involved in important work to protect and sustain life." The first Earth Day drew together more than 20 million Americans nationwide and became one of the largest grassroots demonstrations in U.S. history.

The notion of citizen action on Earth Day is still very relevant today because people are doing many good things around the world, says Wiseman, who also currently works to protect the nat-

ural areas in the Lake Michigan watershed in Indiana. "And if others see these actions, more will get involved and we can achieve more good things. People still continue to 'think globally and act locally,' with each of us doing our part to make our community cleaner and safer." Even the international community has come together in a considerable effort to protect the Earth's resources, including an international movement supporting recycling and the 1992 United Nations Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro.

The theme of the 35th anniversary of Earth Day is "Protecting Our Children's Health and Our Future" and Wiseman, who graduated from high school in 1970 and is now a grandmother, feels that this is an especially good approach to sustainability. "People should get involved and provide valuable help to those of us who are already doing good work in our local communities."

Here are five examples of activities from Wiseman that everyone can do in their own community to celebrate Earth Day by thinking globally and acting locally:

- Contact a local environmental group and volunteer to help celebrate Earth Day. Join the group and continue to help them protect and preserve the environment even after Earth Day. Become educated about sustainability.
- Start an Earth Day celebration in your community by working with a group that you are already involved in at school, church, daycare, or at a local government or nonprofit organization.
- Work with your neighbors to do an Earth Day clean-up of your neighborhood.
- Visit a Web site such as www.earthday.org which provides many links to Earth Day events all over the country and provides many ideas about starting your own celebration.
- Start to implement a sustainable lifestyle in your own family's approach to a healthier lifestyle — ride bikes and walk more to save gasoline; recycle glass, paper and plastic; install insulated curtains to save on energy costs; and conserve water by using it wisely. — *Courtesy of ARA Content*



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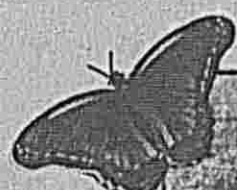
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Avoid tree and utility conflict-plan ahead

Look up, look down. Follow this advice given by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) before deciding what type of tree to plant and where the tree will be planted. Proper tree and site selection will provide trouble-free beauty and pleasure for years to come.

One of the most important things to consider is the location of utility lines. "Trees that are small now can create significant problems in the future as they grow into maturity and into power lines," says Derek Vannice, Executive Director, Utility Arborist Association (UAA). The location of utility lines should have a direct impact on tree and site selection. Both overhead lines and underground lines need to be considered.

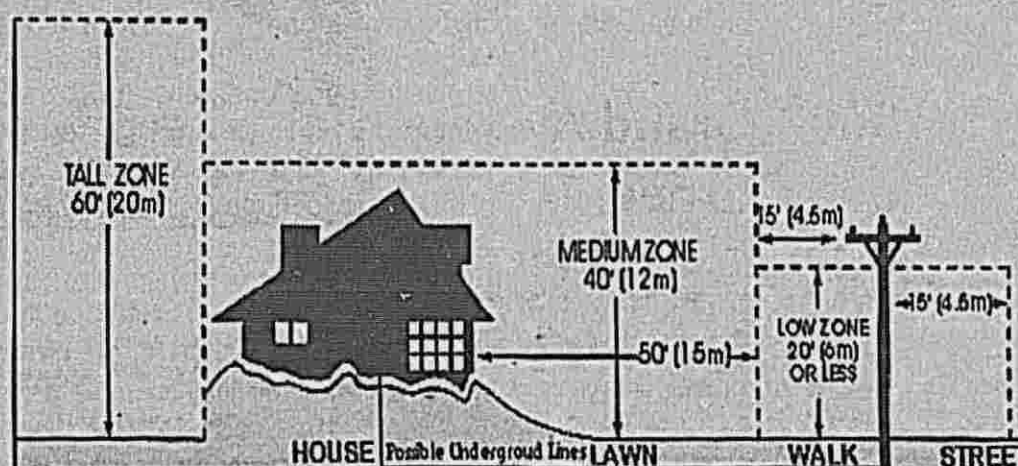
Look up-Overhead Lines

Overhead lines for utilities such as electric, telephone, or cable television are the easiest to see but are the most taken for granted. These lines may appear harmless, but can be extremely dangerous. Children or adults climbing in trees that are too tall and growing in to the utility lines can be severely injured or possibly killed if they accidentally come in contact with the wires.

If tall growing trees are planted under utility lines, then they require pruning to maintain clearance because lines making contact with the wires can result in service interruptions. Utility pruning can result in the tree having an unnatural appearance. According to Vannice, "Planting a tall growing tree under a power line will not allow the tree to realize its proper size and form." Proper selection and placement of trees around overhead utilities can help eliminate power outages, which reduces expenses for utilities and rate payers. Correct selection will also eliminate potential public safety hazards, and improve the appearance of landscapes.

Look down-Underground Lines

Potential problems that are much harder to recognize are those involving underground utilities such as water, sewer, and natural gas. Trees are much more than just what you can see. The root area of a tree is usually larger than the branch spread above ground. Tree roots and underground lines usually coexist without problems. However, if a tree is planted near one of these utility lines that needs to be dug up for repairs, the result could be damage to the root system of the tree.



The most important thing to remember is to determine the location of utility lines before planting. Often these lines are closer to the surface than we think, so verify the location of the lines with the utility company before digging the hole. Accidentally digging into a line can cause serious personal injury as well as costly interruption of utility service.

Planting Trees Around Homes

This illustration indicates approximately where trees should be planted in relation to utility lines.

- **Tall Zone** - Appropriate area for trees that grow as tall as 60 feet. Should be planted at least 35 feet from the house to allow for root development and to minimize damage to the house.
- **Medium Zone** - Appropriate for trees that grow up to 40 feet tall. Should have planting areas at least four to eight feet wide. These trees provide decoration or framing for your house.
- **Low Zone** - For trees that grow no more than 20 feet tall. Must be planted in an area extending at least 15 feet on either side of the utility wires. Low zone trees are good for areas with limited growing space, such as narrow planting areas (less than four feet wide).

Right Tree-Right Place

Planning before planting can help ensure that the right tree is planted in the right place. Proper tree selection and placement enhances your property value, prevents costly and sometimes unsightly maintenance trimming, and lowers the risk of damage to your home and property.

If you need help selecting the proper tree, consult a nursery or an ISA Certified Arborist or an ISA Certified Arborist/Utility Specialist. For more information on tree selection and new tree planting, or to find a Certified Arborist visit www.treesaregood.com. To learn more about trees and utilities go to www.utilityarborist.org.

The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), headquartered in Champaign, Ill., is a nonprofit organization supporting tree care research around the world. As part of ISA's dedication to the care and preservation of shade and ornamental trees, it offers the only internationally-recognized certification program in the industry. For more information, contact a local ISA Certified Arborist or visit www.isa-arbor.com.

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Castle Gardens

Is celebrating their Grand Opening of their new building in Richmond

The castle shaped building had to be torn down this spring due to structural problems according to Kim Williams, Castle Gardens Manager. The castle-shaped building was once an Italian restaurant which was built in 1948 by the Orsolini family. Castle Gardens has just completed the new \$250,000 structure, but they were able to keep the old restaurant's fireplace. They plan to keep the fireplace as an eye catcher with weeping spruce, blooming shrubs and annuals around it. Williams was sad to see the old building go but is very excited about the new building and what it has to offer the public. The entire showroom is in the new building along with bathrooms and a storage area in the back. Bob Williams, Castle Gardens owner has been at the Richmond location for 9 years and also owns Castle Gardens in Volo.

Both locations are celebrating the Grand Opening April 23rd, 24th, 30th and May 1st. There will be free hot dogs, pop and balloons. There will also be many in store specials to save you money on all your lawn & gardens needs, and your Mother's Day gifts.

Castle Gardens provides full service landscaping and can create a design to incorporate the customers taste. The customer can choose their own plants and material can be expertly installed. Castle Gardens can professionally design and install plant beds and walkways from paving brick to natural stone and woodchips. They can create retaining walls of boulders of manufactured stone to add function as well and beautify a landscape. Patios of any shape or size can also be incorporated into a landscape plan. Castle Gardens now carries a complete line of patio brick in many styles and colors.

Castle Gardens has the largest selection of perennials in Lake and McHenry Counties with over 1,500 varieties. With more than 50 varieties of ornamental grasses that range in size from 6' to 12' at maturity. There are types for sun or part-shade, as well as many of the native grasses. Besides flower plumes, many have beautiful fall color, ranging from yellows to oranges to reds and some

with bluish casts. No matter what type of sun customers get in their gardens, Castle Gardens can create a colorful garden from Spring to Fall. Hosta is one of the best plants for shade and Castle Gardens has over 50 varieties of Hosta including "Striptease", the 2005 Hosta of the year by American Hosta Growers. The 2005 Perennial of the year is Helleborus x Hybridus (Lenten Rose), which is also available at Castle Gardens. Vines can also be important to decorate your landscape; Castle Gardens has many varieties of both flowering and green vines. Ground cover is also very important to fill in the difficult places to landscape and they are very decorative. Castle Gardens carries many varieties of ground cover, from sun to shade. For several years Castle Gardens has carried a line of plants called "Stepables". These short plants are perfect for installing between patio stones, flagstone or used as a border and they withstand some foot traffic. The experienced staff will help you pick the perfect perennials for your garden and landscaping needs.

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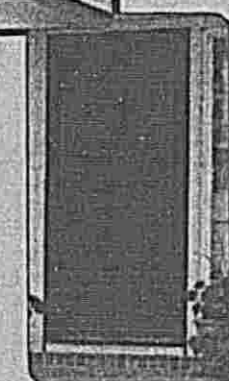
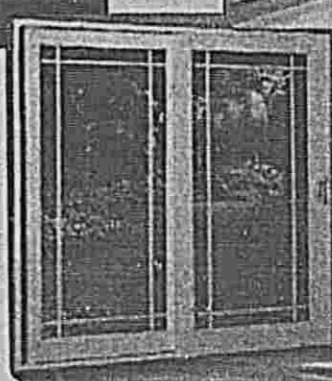
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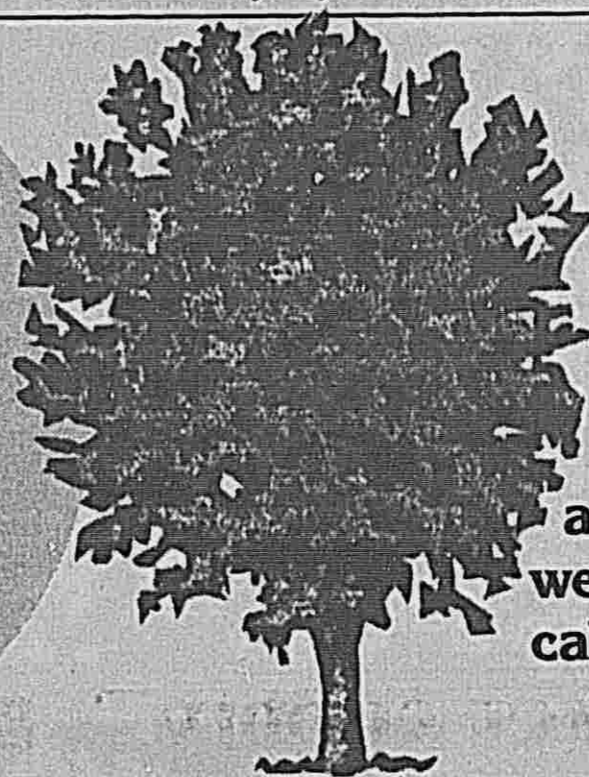
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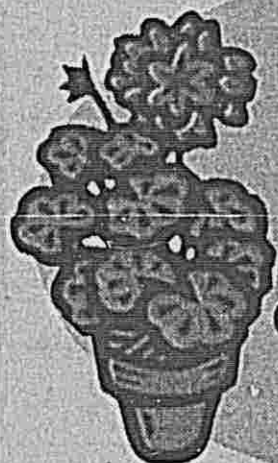


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This home illustrates the performance of brick vs. vinyl siding in a hail storm earlier this year. Which home would you rather live in?



Technology and advancements within the building industry have made many exterior cladding alternatives possible over the past few decades, but sometimes the products that have been around for a while are still the best...and brick has been around for centuries. Homebuyers already know that brick exudes value and quality with low-maintenance, aesthetic beauty and a track record of increasing homes' resale values. But people don't buy homes primarily as investments. They buy homes to create a comfortable and safe living environment in an unpredictable world. Time and time again, brick has helped homebuyers maintain this ideal.

Hurricanes... Several years ago, Hurricane Fran brought 100-mile-per-hour winds that sped through Nancy and Don Coey's neighborhood. In the process, a very old 18-ton oak tree became uprooted by the fierce wind, smashing into the Coeys' roof. Rafters were cracked along with a foot-high "knee wall" between the ceiling and the roof. However, the damage stopped there—or rather was stopped there, by a brick wall above the second floor window. "If the house had siding instead of brick, the tree would have sliced right through it," said Nancy Coey. "If the brick hadn't held we probably wouldn't be alive today."

Following Hurricane Opal in 1995, which reeked havoc throughout the southeast, The Masonry Society's (TMS) Disaster

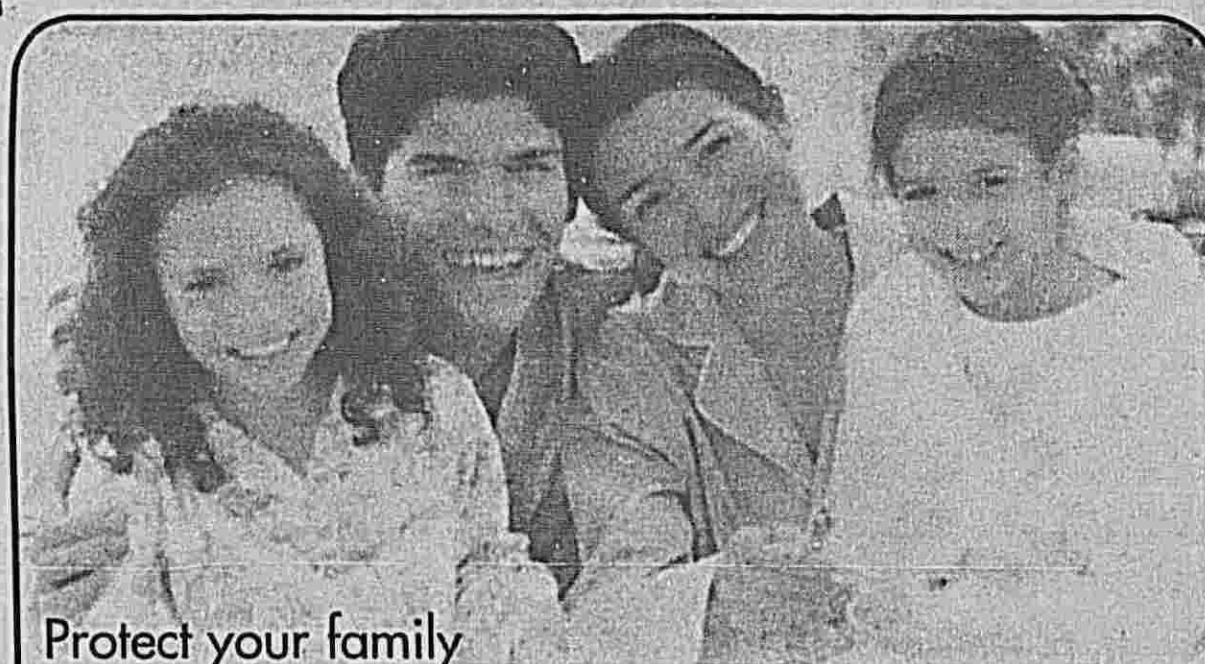
Team of qualified researchers went to Pensacola, Florida, and found no cases in which wind had damaged masonry fireplaces and chimneys. In fact, in one documented case, a brick fireplace and chimney actually prevented the total collapse of a home. Amazingly, while many of the homes in the area lost their lower levels and collapsed, this home on Pensacola Beach received heavy damage to its lower level, but the top stayed mostly intact due to the strength of the brick chimney.

Wind & Hail... In Chicago in June 2000 a high-rise apartment building for the elderly experienced severe wind damage that could have been prevented had the veneer been brick instead of synthetic stucco. The 13-story building, only eight or nine years old, lost a large amount of synthetic stucco, which literally blew off of the building, leaving nothing more than a frame and steel studs in the damaged area. Thankfully, and quite miraculously, none of the residents were injured, but the potential for devastation could have been prevented entirely if the building had been clad in brick. The performance of vinyl is equally dismal in the face of hail. Damage may include scratching, denting and complete devastation (see photo).

Tornadoes... In January 1997, eight tornadoes with estimated wind speeds ranging from 120 to 160+ mph, plagued middle Tennessee, damaging 250 structures and injuring 23 people. The Masonry Society's disaster team found that, particularly in a

subdivision called Southridge, "several partial failures appeared to indicate that brick veneer enhanced the stability of some homes. In addition, the team's November 1999 report states, '1/3 to 1/2 of the cladding used in the subdivision was fully or partially brick veneer. However, only small amounts of brick were found among the demolished structures (as compared to other cladding materials).' In several cases, the brick portion of residences was the only portion left intact. No cases were observed where brick was destroyed while other materials were left complete, offering further proof of brick's significant protective potential."

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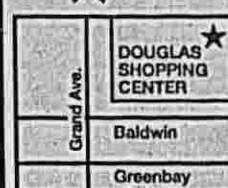
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- If carpets and upholstery look dull and dirty, consider having them cleaned. Just make sure to clean a small, inconspicuous spot first to test for color bleeding or staining by the cleaning solvent.

- A simple coat of paint can instantly change a space. Think about the rooms you'll be using for photo opportunities, like bedrooms and living rooms, and spruce them up with a new color.

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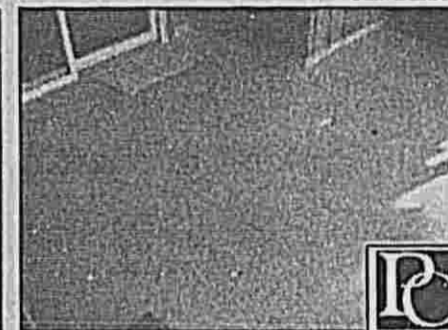
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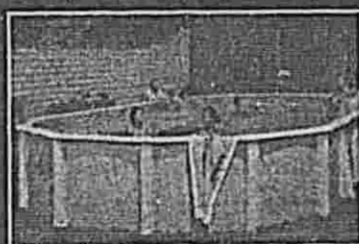
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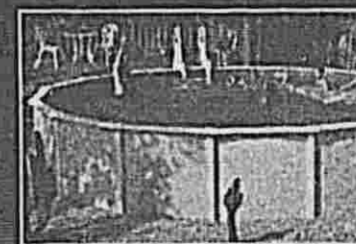


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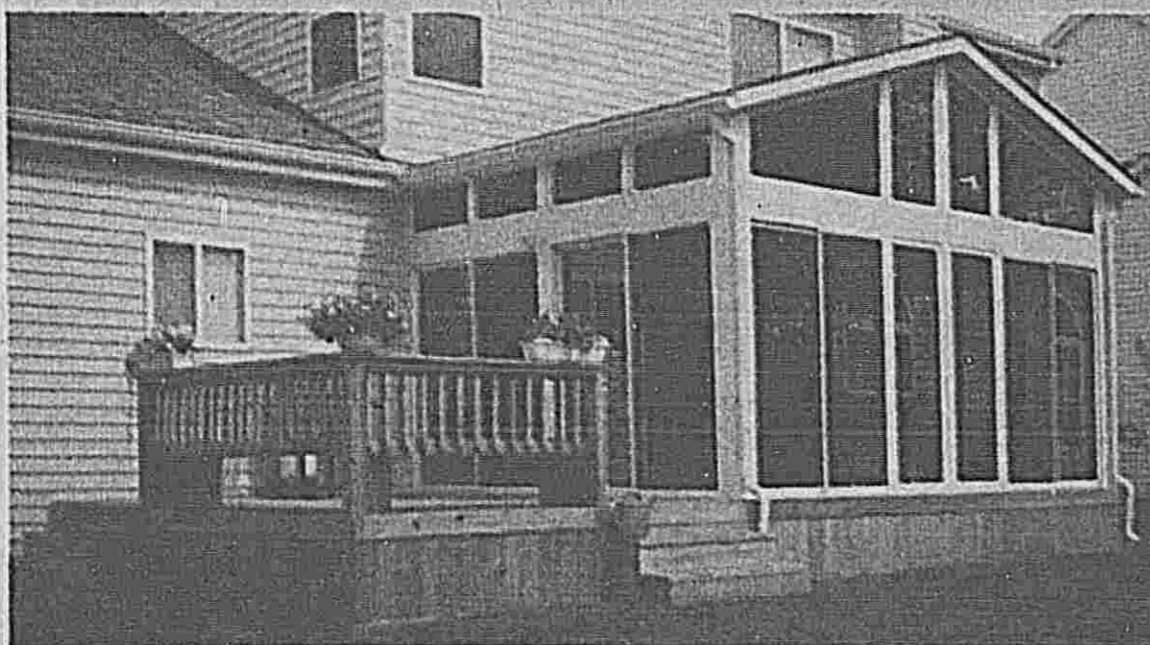
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Personalize with paint

Painting is the easiest way to make a dramatic and instant impact on a room. Adding color not only allows homeowners to personalize a space with their own decorating style, but also provides functional benefits, such as making a room look larger or more cohesive.

Such a dramatic impact doesn't have to have a dramatic cost! In fact, even for the most novice DIYer who may be apprehensive about home improvement, painting is a great starter project. It is easy to learn, and if you mess up, you can just paint over it! And once complete, you'll have the satisfaction and pride that your painting project looked like a professional did it, without professional costs!

The key to achieving a great-looking paint job is to follow a few simple rules:

Don't fall through the cracks

Like most remodeling projects, the key to success is preparation. Be sure to seal any cracks and gaps around windows and baseboards with a water-based, paintable caulk, such as Polyseamseal All Purpose Adhesive Caulk (www.polyseamseal.com). Water-based caulks are low odor, easy to use, and easy to clean up with soap and water. Plus, the fast-drying formula will help to minimize your preparation time!

Additionally, be sure to repair any nail holes in walls or any areas where there is cracked paint with a paintable, fast-drying, shrink-free patching compound. Once the patch is dry, sand smooth for an ideal paint surface.

Mask Your Imperfections

Even professionals know that painting a straight line is nearly impossible. That's why spending the extra time to line baseboards, trim and ceilings with masking tape will "mask" all the imperfections that may occur while painting along edges. Be sure to use a low tack adhesive masking tape, such as Duck brand Perfect Release Plus Painter's Tape (www.duckproducts.com), to ensure that delicate surfaces such as wallpaper, treated woodwork, and drywall will not be damaged when removing the tape.

In addition to protecting surfaces close to where you are painting, be sure to protect floors and woodwork from the inevitable drips and spills with drop cloths. Cloth drops are more expensive than plastic sheeting, but they work best, especially over carpets. However, if cloth isn't in the budget, try statically treated, pre-taped drop cloths that feature a pre-taped top edge of professional grade masking tape.

Choose Wisely

When choosing a paint color, find one that is going to inspire you, make you happy and create a desired mood. Dark, dramatic colors are great for those who are not up for frequent changes. However, neutrals, available in light, medium and dark tones, are the most accepting of other accent colors, which is ideal for those who want to continually add the latest color trends or seasonal decorations.

Once you've chosen the hue that's you, determine the paint finish that best suits your room: flat, eggshell, satin, semi-gloss, and glossy. Flat paints offer a matte finish that are excellent for covering imperfections in walls since it will not reflect light, however they are typically not washable. Satin and eggshell finishes are very popular for wall paint since they have a very slight shine and hold up well to cleaning. Semi-gloss and glossy tend to be used for trim applications since they create a shiny, enamel appearance to surfaces. —*Courtesy of ARA Content*

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Professional carpet cleaning extends carpet life

Proper care of carpets and rugs is absolutely vital to ensure that their original beauty and durability is retained for a long time. Carpet manufacturers recommend professional steam cleaning every 12-18 months.

Vacuuming:

Light, loose debris or soil that finds its way into carpets has to be regularly extracted using a good-quality vacuum cleaner to prevent soil build-up. Gritty soil can seriously damage the fibers. A good beating or brushing action will loosen the gritty soil and raise the pile to facilitate cleaning.

As for the frequency, one simple rule is to gauge when your carpets begin to show signs of dirt and litter; for areas of heavy traffic you may have to vacuum as often as once a day and for other, more protected areas, once a week may be sufficient.

TIP: For best results, use three to seven strokes of the vacuum cleaner, forwards and backwards, with the last stroke always in the direction of the pile. This ensures a uniform appearance of the surface of the carpet.

Spot Removal:

All spills must be cleaned immediately. Research by independent agencies has suggested that up to 90 percent of the spots and stains from liquid spills can be prevented if cleaned immediately.

TIP: Recommended steps for spot removal:

1. All spills must be cleaned using a clean absorbent white towel or napkin.



2. The spot removal agent should be pretested on a small, inconspicuous area of the carpet: apply a few drops of the agent to all the colors of the carpet; hold the white, absorbent material against it and count to ten—if the dye from the carpet has bled onto the white material or if the carpet shows noticeable discoloration, call American Pride for advice.
3. To clean the spot, apply small amounts of the spot removal agent, working from the edges towards the center of the stain to prevent the stain from spreading.
4. Blot the solution—do not rub or brush.

Repeat steps three and four until the spot is removed completely. If in doubt, it is best to seek help from a professional. For information on spot removal agents for various types of stains, refer to the interactive removal guide on American Pride's Web site: www.a1pride.com.

Cleaning:

To find out when your carpet needs more than just frequent vacuuming or spot removal, try the following test: compare an exposed area of your carpet with an unexposed area—if you can see noticeable difference in their appearances, it's time for some more serious cleaning. It is probably time to decide if you would prefer to hire a professional or do it yourself?

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2005 SPRING FORECAST

Will changing weather patterns affect your lawn?

El Niño is back to alter the weather patterns for spring 2005. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)*, the El Niño-related influence on the U.S. climate will become more prevalent during the late winter and early spring. The NOAA's forecast also reflects that there are slightly increasing odds for El Niño to have an even bigger impact in late spring and into early summer.

Proper care for your lawn depends greatly on the region in which you live. For additional information, The Home Depot suggests joining its free online Garden Club at www.homedepot.com/gardenclub. The Home Depot Garden Club Web site offers a variety of helpful hints, including regional gardening tips, easy gardening projects and advice for the changing weather.

The Home Depot offers the following tips for plant and lawn care:

Midwest

The Midwest is expected to have normal temperatures and rainfall throughout the spring so homeowners can focus on repairing damaged grass and plants and upgrading their yards.

For grass that has become patchy as a result of winter frost from the Midwest's cold winter climate, use Scotts Patchmaster, Sun and Shade Lawn Repair Mix to repair those bare spots and make the lawn lush and green again.

Early spring is a good time to start planting seeds. Stick with easy seeds such as tomatoes, peppers, marigolds, cosmos, hollyhocks and sunflowers. As a general guideline, start most seeds six to eight weeks before the region's last frost date, which usually ranges from April to May.

Tips for the Midwest

For general lawn care in all regions, The Home Depot experts recommend taking the lawn mower in for a tune-up and sharpening blades prior to the spring rush and the first cut of the season. Also, mower blades need to be sharpened three or four times during the growing season.

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Has being cooped up inside all winter given you the itch to renovate, renew or expand your home? Spring is the perfect time to start home improvement projects and interest rates make home equity loans attractive, but don't commit to anything until you've done a little "homework" first.

A home improvement project can add value to your house; however, some improvements pay off more than others. Before you decide how much to spend and what part of your house to spend it on, keep a few facts in mind.

Remodeling your kitchen can add up to 150 percent of the cost of the project to your home's resale value. Adding a second bathroom increases your resale value by 90 percent of the project cost, and a room addition, such as a family room or an extra bedroom, provides a 60 to 80 percent return. Other improvements, such as new windows and doors or replacing the heating system, may be practical but they necessarily translate into resale profits.

Of course, your decision won't be based solely on the payback. "Choose an improvement project that makes sense for you and your family," says Maxine Sweet, vice president of public education for Experian, a global information solutions company. "In addition to resale value, you should take into account your family's quality of living."

Once you decide on the scope of your project, get bids from several contractors so you can compare prices and services. With these bids in hand, you'll have a better idea of how much money you'll need. But be realistic -- don't let that vision of your dream kitchen get in the way of common sense. Figure out how much debt you can take on, and plan accordingly. If your budget doesn't allow for a complete kitchen remodel, perhaps you can replace your cabinets or countertops now and put off the new appliances until next year.

Home equity loans are a great tool for financing a home improvement project. Because the loan is secured by your home, it will likely have a lower annual percentage rate, and in many states, you may gain some tax breaks on interest. With a home equity loan, the amount you can borrow is limited by the equity you have accumulated in your home. You can calculate your equity by subtracting the unpaid balance of your mortgage from the fair market value of your home. Other factors may also influence the amount you can borrow, such as your credit history, income and current financial responsibilities.

To make sure your credit history won't keep you from qualifying for a home equity loan, visit a credit reporting company online such as www.experian.com to quickly and easily access your

Ideas for financing your remodeling project

credit report. Make sure all the information on your credit report is accurate. "If you notice anything questionable, such as accounts you don't recognize, or payment disputes, deal with those issues before applying for a home equity loan," says Sweet.

Sweet offers these tips about shopping for a home equity loan:

- Make sure all costs, fees, terms and charges are disclosed, including any penalties for early repayment.
- Find out the variances to your interest rate, if applicable, including the "cap," or ceiling, and the amount of the margin.
- Look into all conditions that may apply to your credit line, such as a minimum amount per withdrawal.
- Find out your repayment options.
- Remember, your house is being used as collateral, so be certain you are able to make your payments on time, or you risk losing your home.

Once your loan is arranged, make a final decision on a contractor for your project. Ask around among friends, neighbors and co-workers for recommendations. If you don't know anyone who has used your contractor, be sure to ask them for client references -- and check them out.

A great tool for researching businesses that many people aren't aware of is SmartBusinessReports, also available through Experian at www.experian.com. These business credit reports provide consumers with background information, comprehensive financial information and credit risk facts in an easy-to-read, online format. Other good resources to check before you sign a contract include the Chamber of Commerce, the Better Business Bureau, the State Attorney General or your local consumer protection agency. Your lender may be familiar with the contractors you're considering, and you can ask building product distributors or wholesale suppliers to see what other professionals have to say.

And remember, every home improvement project seems to take longer than anticipated, so go into it with an open mind and flexible attitude. In the end, as you're preparing dinner in your new kitchen, or enjoying family movie night in your new family room, you'll know the wait was worth it. — *Courtesy of ARA Content*



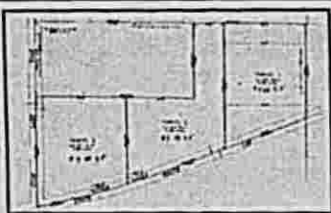
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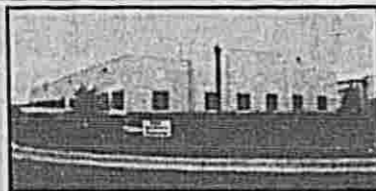
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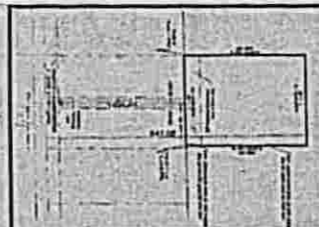
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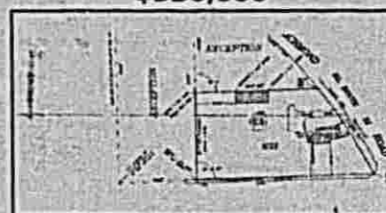
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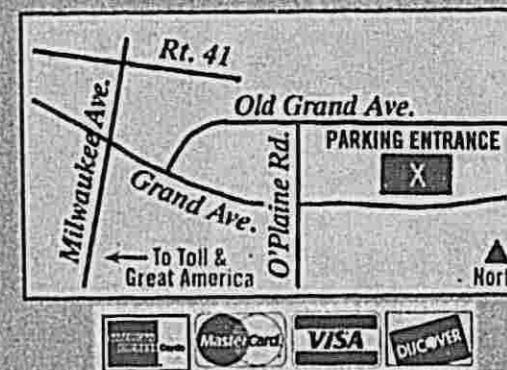
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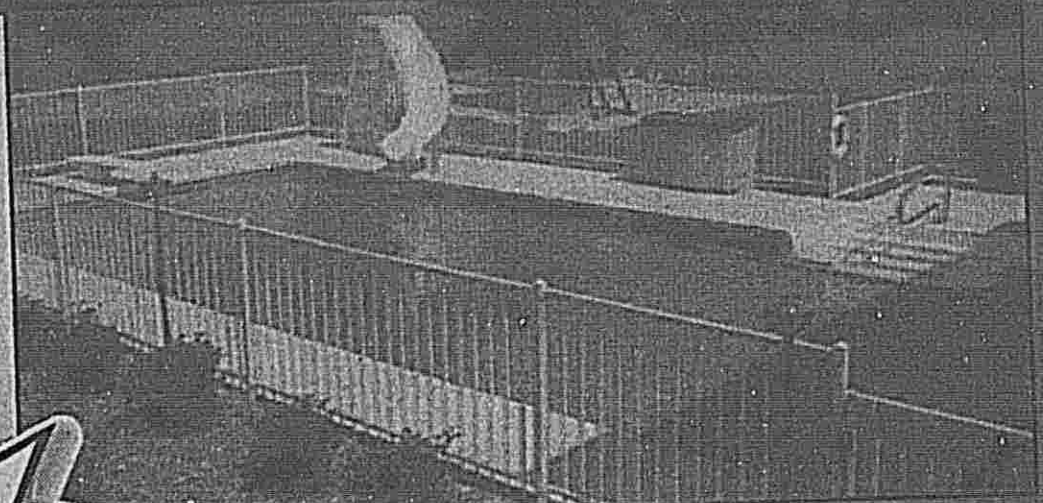
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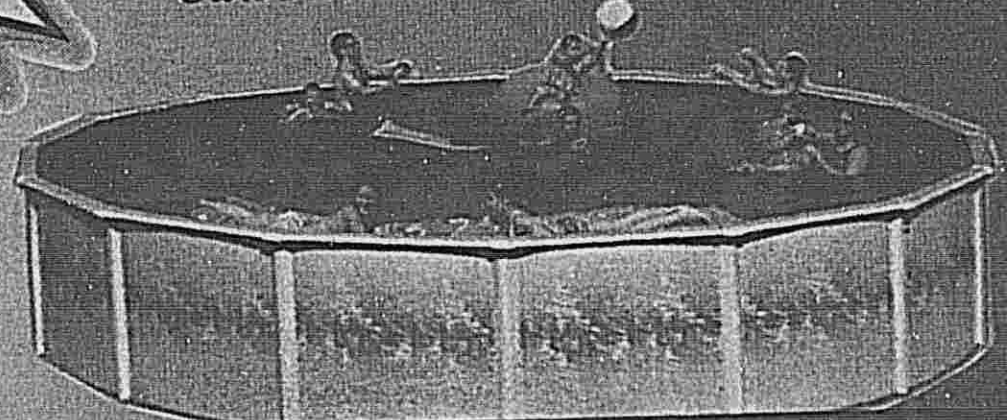


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